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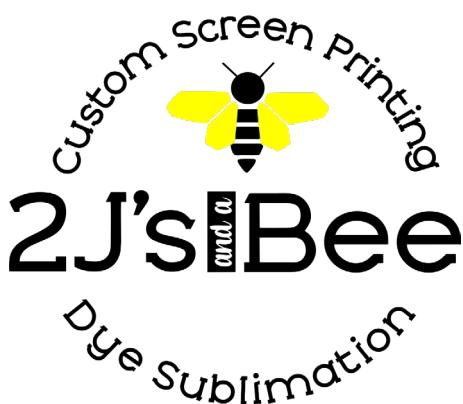
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spotlight business



2J's and a Bee Can Do a Lot More than T-Shirts

When people think of screen printing, they think of T-shirts, said Laurie Phillips, owner of 2J's and a Bee, a screen-printing business at 1883 E. State St.

2J's and a Bee can do a lot more than T-shirts, Phillips said.

"We do hats and jackets and blankets and towels, license plates, lunch boxes," she said. "You name it."

Phillips also has learned a process called dye sublimation printing, a digital printing technique, that opens up new possibilities. She showed a pair of socks in a customer's school colors with his name and number on them, which were made with dye sublimation.

"I also kind of put myself in the crafting industry as well," she said. "So, I do a little crafting along with it, like, with mugs and the tumblers."

Phillips was working at a now-defunct local department store when she felt the need to do something different, and not something everyone else was doing, she said.

"Through prayer, God just kind of brought to fruition screen printing," Phillips said. "I knew nothing of it. Did not know how to do it."

This was the late 1990s and Phillips was already exploring graphic design computer programs. She read a how-to book – several times – and talked with local screen printers, who were willing to share their techniques with her. Taking money from a life-insurance policy to fund her start-up, she worked out of her home starting in 2000 and then from a storefront on Broadway Avenue in Farrell. The business next moved to space behind what was Bud

Miller's Kitchen and Bath, now G.H. Hurl Construction, in Hermitage.

Although Phillips left the industry for a while to become a registered nurse, "God called me back into the business," she said. "My faith and hope is in God. I have a relationship with God. When he speaks, I have to do what he says. Here I am."

2J's and a Bee has been at its present location since 2018.

"They always say location, location, location – I'm on East State Street," Phillips said. "I can't beat this location, the traffic. It's somewhat centralized. I really do like being in Hermitage."

The business name derives from three of her grandchildren: Jadon, Josiah and Brooklyn, who help her out in the shop. Her husband, Luther, also works there.

Phillips said she loves working with her customers, many of whom come in with vague notions about what they want her to do, she said.

"They'll come in with, 'I think I want this,' and might give me a sketch of something, and then I put it all together," she said. "There's joy in that, to serve the needs of the customers."

Phillips considers herself a servant – first, to God, and then, to others. With that frame of mind, she has started teaching others how to do what she does. She offers in-store and virtual classes, using design programs such as Canva and Photoshop.

"You want to teach what you know and pass that on," she said. "It's not a competition thing. It's out there. You

can't say, 'No, don't do my industry. I want to be the only one.' It's just not gonna happen. For those that want to learn, why not teach them?"

On June 14, Phillips and her husband launched a second business, The Laundry Man, a full-service laundry operation. "We come pick it up, wash it, dry it, fold it and bring it back."



2J's and a Bee LLC

1883 E. State St.
Hermitage, PA 16148
724-300-3171
www.twojsandabee.com

Hours:

Tues-Fri: 10am - 5:30pm
Other times available by appointment

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July 26 & 27, 2025 All Free & Open to the Public

Saturday, July 26 • Noon - 9:00 pm, fireworks 9:00 pm
Sunday, July 27 • 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
- 12-6pm Inflatable Games
- 3-6pm Circus Show
- 3-6pm Balloon Twisting
- 4pm Tada Magic @ Children's Tent

SUNDAY

- 11-3pm Children's Activity Tent
- 11-3pm Home Depot
- 11-4pm Inflatable Games
- 1-3pm Paper Magic
- 1-4pm Circus Show
- 1-4pm Balloon Twisting

MUSIC

- 12:30-2pm The FX Project
- 2:30-4pm Across The Pond - Acoustic Favorites From Both Sides of the Atlantic
- 4:30-6pm Grant Street Exit
- 6:30-9pm Velveeta

MUSIC

- 11:30-1pm Gordon James
- 1:30-3:30pm 2nd Avenue Project



FOOD & BEVERAGE VENDORS

- Don Polo Mexican Food
- Hermes Food Truck
- Slow Hurry Coffee
- Cousins Maine Lobster (Saturday Only)
- Jordan's Kitchen
- Dem Jarz
- Blaurock Brats LLC
- Big Mike's Food Shack

- Eleventh Hour Brewing
- The Open Kitchen
- Sinkers & Suds, LLC
- Moss's Elephant Ears & More
- Haitian Sensation
- Libations Winery
- Rita's Italian Ice

FIREWORKS
Saturday,
July 26th
at 9PM





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Participating Artists AT THE TIME OF NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

Stacey's Dolly Boutique
MB's Gems & More
All Things Crochet
PeasePots LLC
Silver Frog
Wood Docs
Suds and Cedar
MoonDust Revival
MoodyPots
Pleasant Nonsense Studio
Sandy Shore Crafts
Bethany Krystek
Sunshine Cove Studio LLC
Violet Publishing, Inc.
Stephenson Custom Woodworks
Libby Asche
Outlined Identity
Healing with Creation
Stella's Sundries

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Noah Whipple.

Noah Whipple is a self-taught artist who specializes in handmade & custom ordered paper quilled artwork. Carrying his great grandmother's legacy of quilling art, Noah makes three-dimensional paper artwork in various genres from flowers to sneakers, animals, abstract, and pop culture such as Star Wars & Marvel. Utilizing just craft glue and printer-weight paper cut into 1/8-to-3/8-inch strips, Noah twists, rolls, curls, and cuts the paper to make these different patterns and designs which are then framed for display. As an artist, Noah loves to play with different techniques and lighting to highlight colors and create intricate textures.





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Steve Miller
Coral Works
Natural Blessings
A&B Industrial
Ronnie Things
Positive Side Artworks
Joseph Marra
Fran Bires
WhipQuilling
The Ten Toads
HRM Design Works LLC
Thomas Darby
Paula Panariello
Barb's Glass Art Jewelry
Andrew
Wicked Burning Studios
Green Acres Alpaca
Carol Moyer
Brianna Hill
Melissa Steingrabe
Kenneth Mattocks
Leanna Miller
Sandpiper Soap Company
Copper Fox Apothecary
Oh You Silly Goose
Rustic Tides
Judy's Dog Bandanas and More
Melanie Brown Fine Art
All Sites
Lemon Tree Tufts
BCD Art
Debbie Bair



UPCOMING EVENTS

NIGHT MARKET

Hermitage

Market Dates:

Thursday, August 14

Thursday, September 11

(located behind the City Building Sept. only)

Thursday, October 2



Gatehouse Winery

Concord
Blueberry
Lawba

18
21
18
19

Hermitage CORN ROAST

Thursday, September 11, 5-9 pm

During the Night Market

Behind the City Building!

Corn donated by Lengel Brothers Farm & Market
with proceeds benefiting directly
Friends of Stull Nature Reserve.





2025 Summer Camp Recap

This year's Summer Camp at Buhl Park, in partnership with the City of Hermitage, was a blast! With over 300 campers participating, we filled our days with exciting activities like arts and crafts, sports and relay games, nature adventures, and plenty of swimming and water fun. We were excited to welcome special guests throughout the summer, including the Erie Zoo, Mercer County Conservation District, HopeCAT, Tada the Magician, and of course, the Ice Cream Truck! We wrapped up the season with camper-favorite foam parties and a refreshing visit from our local fire departments, who helped cool us off with their hoses.

Summer camp runs for six weeks each year and is open to all children entering 1st through 6th grade. Registration is open from February through mid-May, so be sure to join us next summer for more fun and memories!

We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to our sponsors for helping to make this summer one for the books!



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



Health Fair and Senior Expo

Representative Parke Wentling will host his 8th annual Health Fair and Senior Expo on Friday, July 18th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hickory VFW, 5550 East State Street in Hermitage. The event will include dozens of exhibitors from local, state and federal agencies, along with a variety of senior and health-focused organizations. Information about programs and services designed to meet the needs of older Pennsylvanians will be available at the event.

"There are so many resources available to help older Pennsylvanians, but it can be overwhelming to decide which resource may be right for the exact issue they may be facing," Wentling said. "My Health Fair and Senior Expo brings all of these agencies and organizations under one roof to provide a one-stop shop for our seniors."

Registration is not required. Please contact Rep. Wentling's Shenango Valley district office at 724-734-5980 or the Greenville office at 724-638-4101 with any questions.



2025 Major Capital Improvement Projects

Hermitage Athletic Complex - PennDOT Multimodal

Transportation Fund Trail Project

The project includes constructing trails connecting Lorenwood Drive into the Hermitage Athletic Complex. The project is scheduled to be constructed in summer 2025. (Phase 2 of the project includes re-paving Lorenwood Drive and adding some additional trail enhancements to the Hermitage Athletic Complex in 2026)



Rodney White Playground Project

The project will replace the existing playground at RWOP with new equipment, an accessible poured rubber surface and new benches. The playground is over 25 years old, has reached its useful life, and cannot be repaired or refurbished. Construction was completed in May



CFA MTF Roadway Project – Hickory Field Blvd.

A \$730,000 Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) Multimodal Transportation Fund grant was received for a City Center public roadway project connecting the SV Mall redevelopment project to Route 18/Route 62 Roundabout. The City is working with the developer and their engineer to finalize details and anticipates to start construction this fall.

Hermitage Little League Concession and Restroom Facility Project

The city received a grant to assist the Hermitage Little League in construction of a new concession and restroom facility at the Little League Complex on Virginia Road. Project design is ongoing and anticipated to bid for construction in July 2025, with construction to be completed by the end of the year.



Hermitage Municipal Authority S. Neshannock Rd. Sewer Extension Project

The project will extend sewer lines to 93 homes and businesses along S. Neshannock Rd. and portions of Virginia Road and Miller Road and includes the purchase of grinder pumps as part of the low pressure sanitary sewer system. Construction began in April and connections to the new system will begin in the fall.

Hermitage Athletic Complex is a LiveBarn Venue

LiveBarn is a subscription service that allows you to watch events Live or On Demand for 30 days.

If you can't make it to the facility, you can still stay connected by watching all events Live and On Demand. Share with friends and family so they never miss a moment!

- Save and share 30-second highlights from any device
- Download entire games/practices (premium subscription)
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LindenPointe DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

eAcademy

The eAcademy program of the LindenPointe Development Corporation had yet again another successful year, continuing its mission to cultivate the next generation of entrepreneurs. This year, 17 students from 6 local school districts learned entrepreneurial mindset and small business management skills through MIT's curriculum, 28 guest speakers, and over 20 business visits. The program culminated in the highly anticipated end-of-year competition, Demo Day Student Startup Showcase which was hosted at the eCenter@LindenPointe on Sunday, May 18th. Student-led startup teams competed for \$5,000 in prizes and were evaluated based on their business plans and pitches. Judges included Bradley Calleja (LindenPointe Development Corporation), Lorie Hines (HopeCAT), Quyrus Epps (ELLWOOD), Frank Gargiulo (Penn State Shenango), and Ivan Meszaros (Swagelok). The first-place team, Girls Night In, won \$1,900 for their party planning subscription box that delivers decorations, activities, and party essentials. The winning team included Jiada Brodie, DeNez Hughley, Zoe Mishata of Farrell High School, and Sky Puga of Sharon High School.

Pennsylvania Cybersecurity Center

LindenPointe Development Corporation's Pennsylvania Cybersecurity Center (PCC) completed another successful year, serving high school students, college students, and adult learners. With new partnerships including the

eAcademy

empowering. engaging. enterprise.

eCenter

LindenPointe

educating.
innovating.
transforming.

Mercer County Career Center, the Clarion County Career Center, and the Lawrence County Career & Tech Center, the PCC is expanding its reach and preparing for another exciting fall semester. The PCC is also launching the Cyber Talent Network which will connect students to internships, apprenticeships, and other career-enhancing opportunities. In addition to this, the construction of a new state-of-the-art cybersecurity center and eSports lab at LindenPointe is now underway. The second annual Cybersecurity Summit will be held this October at Thiel College, featuring cyber professionals who will share their career journeys and offer insights into the industry. If you are a business interested in partnering, or a student eager to enroll, contact Program Director Rick Love at rlove@lindenpointe.com.

eCenter

The eCenter@LindenPointe continues to foster regional innovation and entrepreneurship by supporting startup businesses throughout their developmental phases. This June, the inaugural Summer Startup Accelerator Program launched in partnership with Grantx. This 8-week program supports six startups across various sectors, including AI, fintech, food tech, and more: EnforceMG, Bodha AI, Hermitage IT Solutions, O&P Clinical Innovations, Mudget, and Shmack. Teams will gain hands-on support, expert mentorship, the tools needed to grow their businesses, and ultimately a chance to compete for up to \$10,000 in funding to grow their ventures.

Buhl Club

Roller Hockey is Rolling In!

The Buhl Club is excited to launch Adult Pick-Up Nights at the Hermitage Sports Complex this summer! These sessions are a fun way to get back on skates and help us build momentum toward forming full Adult Roller Hockey Leagues before fall. Ages 18+/16 with a guardian present - July 26th beginning at 7:00pm.

We're also planning to introduce Youth Roller Hockey Skills & Drills to get the next generation involved in the game.

Stay tuned for updates on our Facebook page or reach out to jartman@fhbuhlclub.org for more information.

Our New Playground is Ready for Play!

The Buhl Club is excited to officially announce the completion of our brand new playground, created with our youngest members in mind. This thoughtfully designed space provides a safe, stimulating, and developmentally appropriate environment where children can learn, grow, and explore through play.

From climbing and sliding to imaginative play, the new playground supports physical activity, creativity, and social development, all in a secure setting tailored for little learners.

We will be celebrating with an official ribbon cutting ceremony soon, so stay tuned for details.

If you have any questions about the playground or our childcare programs, please reach out to Childcare Director Caitilin Gavin at cgavin@fhbuhlclub.org.



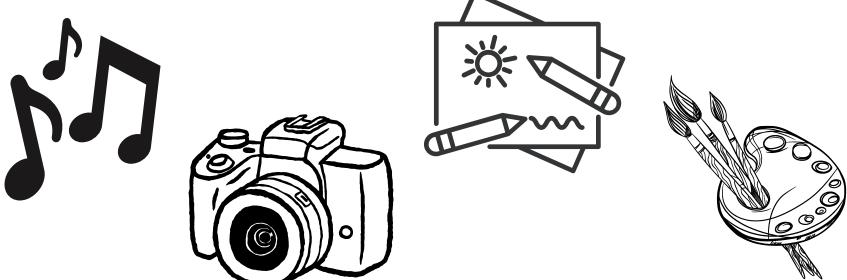


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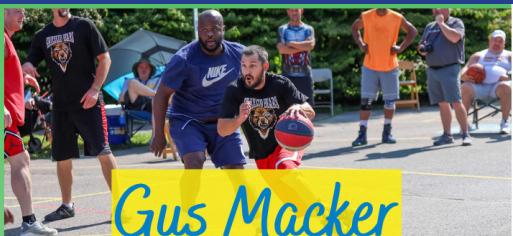
Hours:
Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM
Friday-Saturday 10AM-5PM
Sunday Closed

Summer Reading 2025: Color Our World

Join us every week for fun and interactive children, teens, and adults activities and programs related to drawing and painting, photography, music, animation and much more!



Stay connected and up-to-date with events and programs at CLSV by following us across social media



Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball

COMING TO YOUR TOWN!

JULY 25-27, 2025

In 2024, Gus Macker returned to the Shenango Valley after many years, attracting 104 teams and 411 players from 12 states. The successful event featured 8 food trucks, a slam dunk contest, a 3-point competition, 118 volunteers, and 21 sponsors, drawing over 3,000 attendees.

Join us for another memorable Gus Macker weekend at Buhl Park!



Sign Up today!
buhlpark.org/gus-macker

Sign Up!



BULHPARK.ORG

Looking for the latest updates on all things Buhl Park? Visit our website for the most up-to-date info on events, activities, and park amenities!



BRING A CHAIR, GRAB A BITE,
AND LET THE MUSIC
MAKE YOUR NIGHT.

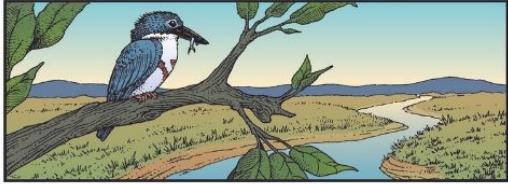


LOCATED AT THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER OUTDOOR STAGE (PAC)
WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 ~ SUNDAYS @ 6:00

Enjoy free concerts open to all

Sun., July 6	CHRIS HIGBEE
Wed., July 9*	THE ZOLKAS BAND
Sun., July 13	A BAND WITH NO NAME
Wed., July 16	MAX SCHANG BAND
Sun., July 20	THE WRANGLER BAND
Wed., July 23	GUYS WITHOUT TIES
Sun., July 27	FOUR KINGS & A QUEEN
Wed., July 30	JOHN REESE & BACKBEAT
Sun., Aug. 3	LIVERPOOL LADS
Wed., Aug. 6	RICK HORNYAK
Sun., Aug. 10	ONE OF THESE NIGHTS
Wed., Aug. 13	12TH STREET BAND
Sun., Aug. 17	MENAGERIE
Wed., Aug. 20*	RAIN DATE
Sun., Aug. 24	THE TERRY DACH BAND
Wed., Aug. 27	BUHL COMMUNITY BAND
Wed., Sept. 3	RAIN DATE
Sun., Sept. 7	RAIN DATE

SHENANGO RIVER WATCHERS



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Fall Paddle Fest

September 27, 2025



**RIVER
CLEANUP DAY
AUGUST 9TH**



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\$15 - Individual

\$25 - Family

\$35 - Business

Help us protect
the Shenango River Watershed.
We All Live Downstream!

Lake to Lake Paddle Challenge

August 23, 2025



The 4th Annual Lake to Lake Paddle Challenge is a timed paddle craft challenge for all skill levels. The event is held on the class 1, Shenango River Water Trail. Guaranteed water release at Pymatuning Dam to help create ideal conditions. Participants have the choice of a 30 mile or a 15 mile challenge. A post-challenge awards ceremony with food & refreshment vendors will be at the finish line at North Star Marina in Clark, PA.

Details & Registration: laketolakepaddle.com

To Volunteer: shenangoriverwatchers.org

CONGRATS 2025 GRADUATES



SCHOLARSHIPS

BUHL REGIONAL HEALTH FOUNDATION PROUDLY AWARDED
\$160,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS THIS YEAR TO 2025 GRADUATES
IN MERCER COUNTY WHO ARE PURSUING A CAREER IN A
HEALTH-RELATED FIELD. WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE
FOLLOWING RECIPIENTS FROM HICKORY HIGH SCHOOL:



Keara Laverock

\$5,000 - Medical Imaging



Ava Shellenberger

\$5,000 - Physician's Assistant



Grace Roshala

\$10,000 - Speech-Language Pathology

www.buhlregionalhealthfoundation.org

FALL CLASSES FORMING NOW

- Construction Trades
- "EMT" Emergency Medical Tech
- Medical Assistant

Explore your next move...

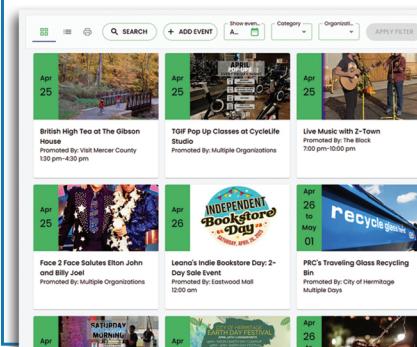


Programs begin this September.
Financial assistance available for
qualified applicants.



HopeCAT.org

Looking for what's happening in The Shenango Valley?



The Shenango Valley Chamber of Commerce Community Calendar is your go-to source for local events, high school sports, festivals, and more!



Hermitage Historical Society

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

Thank you so much to the people of Hermitage, the city of Hermitage, and residents of the Shenango Valley for all your continued support. Our society is entering its 30th year of existence, and we are proud to maintain the history of such a wonderful community. We are in search of donations of gently used items for sale at our flea markets; all money and donations go towards maintaining our beautiful 1869 Stewart House mansion and preserving our local history for all to enjoy. Anyone interested in attending, volunteering, joining, or donating to the society can feel free to contact the society at 724-346-0419 OR Rod at 724-877-7996.

Special Summer Hours

The historical society will be open each Saturday afternoon throughout

the summer from 1:00-3:00pm. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Christmas Tours

Christmas tours will be: November 29-30, December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 -Fridays from 5:00-8:00pm -Saturday and Sundays from 1:00-5:00pm

This year's Christmas theme will be: Deck the Halls

- If any local group or family is interested in decorating a tree in the historical society, please contact Brenda at 724-854-0712

Historical Society Officers:

President: Cameron Linton
Vice President: David Gibb
Second Vice President: Dan Maurice
Treasurer: Rod McAdams

New Members Are Always Welcome:

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

Secretary: Barb Matejka
Assistant Secretary: Cindy Cox
Board Members: Brenda Kulka, Maria Koledin, Dave Fodor, Michael Ristvey, Tom Darby

The Stewart House

Stewart House Rentals

The Stewart House is a beautiful home to host your next important gathering!

(showers, weddings, meetings, etc.):

Upcoming Speakers:

Open to the public at the Stewart House

Sept 16 - 7pm

Tom Darby on coal mining and history of Neshannock



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. Here in Hermitage, we know a thing or two about rainy days—and so does the Shenango River! When stormwater rushes off our rooftops, driveways, and parking lots, it can carry oil, litter, and lawn chemicals straight into our storm drains and eventually into the Shenango. The good news? You can be a hometown hero with just a few simple moves:

- Plant native flowers or a rain garden to soak up water
- Skip the fertilizers before a storm
- Disconnect downspouts or install a rain barrel



Hickory High School

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

Congratulations to our 2025 graduates and scholarship winners!

Dawson Aiuppi. Youngstown State University. HESPA Scholarship \$250.

Nasierra Atwood. Susquehanna University. PMEA Future Music Educators Scholarship \$2,500/\$7,500; Dr. Taiisha Swinton-Buck Scholarship \$5,000/\$20,000; Trustee Scholarship \$43,000/\$177,000/Music Scholarship \$2,000/\$8,000; Drama Award; Edgar S. Groves Award \$1,000; French Award; Kulusich-Buzzo Music Education Scholarship \$500.

Emily Blaze. Slippery Rock University. SRU Merit Scholarship \$2,000/\$8,000; Charlie Brown Award \$100.

Abigail Coxe. Fordham University. Fordham Dean's Scholarship \$44,300/\$177,200.

Janson Cromartie. Tanis Emerald Kennedy Memorial Scholarship \$500.

Juliet Cummings. Slippery Rock University. Drama Award; HEA Scholarship \$500.

Brigid Dach. John Carroll University. Presidential Scholarship \$28,000/\$112,000; P.E.O. STAR Scholarship \$2,500.

Reese Dages. Rollins College. Achievement Scholarship \$15,000/\$60,000; Daffin's Candies Scholarship \$5,000.

Seth Delgros. Tanis Emerald Kennedy Memorial Scholarship \$500.

Sophia Emmorey. Geneva College. Marsden McBride Award; Tri-Athlete Award; Wombacker Award \$1,500.

Kiera Fleis. Kent State University. Presidential Merit Scholarship \$13,000/\$52,000; Honors College Scholarship \$2,000/\$8,000; Ashley Ann Bryan Memorial Scholarship \$500; Gladys & Raymond Kilkirk Scholarship \$600.

David Ferguson. Tri-Athlete Award.

Xavier Garcia. Drama Award.

Joey Garm. Kent State University. President's Achievement Award \$11,000/\$44,000; The Golden Flash Award \$2,000/\$8,000.

Ava Garrett. The University of Tampa. UT Presidential Merit Scholarship \$10,000/\$40,000; Tri-Athlete Award.

Olivia Gingras. Youngstown State University. TCTA Scholarship \$1,000; Red & White Scholarship \$2,000/\$8,000; Test Optional Scholarship \$1,000/\$4,000; Honors College Scholarship \$2,000/\$8,000; Tri-Athlete Award.

Teresa Giuseppucci. University of South Carolina. Academic Scholarship \$5,884/\$23,336.

Lydia Grabowski. Full Sail University. Drama Award.

Owen Hamelly. Kent State University. President's Achievement Award

\$13,000/\$52,000; The Gold Flash Scholarship \$2,000/\$8,000.

Haley Hoffman. University of Mount Union. Hartshorn Award \$18,000; Campus Visit Award \$1,000; Manzella Award \$2,000; UMU Award \$4,925.

Matthew Huff. Youngstown State University. Red & White Scholarship \$2,000/\$8,000.

Alivia Jones. Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Sutton Scholars Award \$5,000/\$20,000; Honors College Scholarship \$2,000/\$8,000; Strimbu Memorial Scholarship \$2,000; HEA Scholarship \$500; Drama Award; Robin Sue Hertz Scholarship \$500; Spanish Fluency Award; Stull and Carr Scholarship \$1,150/\$4,600; William B. Gibb Legacy Scholarship \$1,500.

Cora Joseph. John Carroll University. Magis Scholarship \$30,000/\$120,000; Legacy Scholarship \$1,000/\$4,000; Discovery Scholarship \$2,000/\$8,000; Alexis & Danielle - Stronger Together Scholarship \$1,250; French Award; Hermitage Lions Club Scholarship \$500.

Savannah Kapitant. Youngstown State University. Red & White Scholarship \$2,000/\$8,000; Test Adjusted Scholarship \$1,000/\$4,000; HESPA Scholarship \$250.

Harlow Lambert. Northern Illinois University. Merit Scholarship \$7,000/\$28,000; Language Arts Award.

Keara Laverock. PennWest University, Clarion. Academic Scholarship \$3,000/\$12,000; Buhl Health Foundation Scholarship \$5,000.

Payton Leunis. Westminster College. Jerb Miller Scholarship \$30,000/\$120,000; Christian Lutheran Church Scholarship \$1,000.

Anna Logue. Penn State Behrend. Bayard & Ethel Kunkle Scholarship \$1,936/\$7,744; PSU Commonwealth Scholarship \$2,000/\$8,000; Artman Humanitarian Award \$5,000; Clair & Sara Hetrick Memorial Scholarship \$900; Hermitage Rotary Scholarship \$1,000; Tom Burns All-Stars \$150.

Autumn Macri. Ohio University. Ohio Excellence Scholarship \$6,000/\$24,000; Ohio Trustee Award \$5,500/\$22,000; Ohio Admission Promise \$2,000/\$8,000.

Marina Maitland. John Carroll University. French Award.

Robert Mainor. Washington & Jefferson College. Gladys & Raymond Kilkirk Scholarship \$600; Marsden McBride Award; Rev. William M. Brest Industrious Student Award \$100.

Lily Martin. West Virginia University. Tri-Athlete Award.

Luciana Masters. Youngstown State University. Red & White Scholarship \$2,000/\$8,000; Varsity "H" Athlete of the Year.

Ava Jennifer Miklos. Youngstown State University. Honors Housing Scholarship \$2,000/\$4,000; Presidents Scholarship \$4,000/\$16,000; Honors Program Scholarship \$3,000/\$12,000; Bill Nap Memorial Scholarship \$1,500; Charles & Margaret Verholek Scholarship \$1,000; Jack & Mary Lou Kerins Golf

HICKORY High School





Scholarship \$500.

Vianna Miller. West Virginia University. Climb Higher Scholarship \$11,000/\$44,000; Jack & Mary Lou Kerins Golf Scholarship \$500; Ron Meiss Memorial Scholarship \$500.

Payne Moschillo. Youngstown State University. Presidents Scholarship \$4,000/\$16,000; Honors Program Scholarship \$3,000/\$12,000; Honors Housing Scholarship \$2,000/\$8,000; Modern Woodmen Insurance Scholarship; John Vourinous Scholarship \$700.

Madeline Myers. Westminster College. Jerb Miller Merit Scholarship \$30,000/\$120,000; Westminster Advantage \$20/\$80; Artman Humanitarian Award \$5,000; Jack & Mary Lou Kerins Golf Scholarship \$500; Marsden McBride Award.

Yianni Neofotistos. Slippery Rock University. Charlie Brown Award \$100.

Dylan O'Brien. Kent State University. Coach Dave Ciafre Memorial District X "IRONMAN" Wrestling Scholarship \$1,000.

Ben Palko. Penn State Shenango. William P. McDowell Scholarship \$1,000/\$4,000; Farrell Wolves Club Scholarship \$2,261/\$9,044; Commonwealth Award \$739/\$2,956.

Cecilia Perman. California University of PA. Athletic Scholarship \$5,000/\$20,000.

Addison Phillips. Penn State University. Bob Steivly Memorial Scholarship.

Mikey Reardon. Youngstown State University. YSU Scholarship \$1,000/\$4,000; HEA Scholarship \$500.

Alaina Rhoades. Slippery Rock University. Merit Scholarship \$1,000/\$4,000; Volunteer of the Year \$100.

Caden Riethmiller. Robert Morris University. Academic Scholarship \$26,000/\$104,000; Athletic Scholarship \$10,000/\$40,000; Hickory Cross Country Leadership Award; Ron Meiss Memorial Scholarship \$500; Tri-Athlete Award; Varsity "H" Athlete of the Year.

Kimora Roberts. Penn State Shenango. Sharon Steel Foundation Trustee Scholarship \$2,000/\$8,000; Tanis Emerald Kennedy Memorial Scholarship \$500.

Addison Rodenbaugh. Temple University. Temple Scholarship \$10,000/\$40,000; Drama Award; Greg Cardille Memorial Award \$1,000; HEA Scholarship \$500; Team Courage Juvenile Diabetes Scholarship \$2,000; Shenango Valley Performing Arts Scholarship \$1,000.

Logan Rodgers. Bowling Green State University. University Freshman Award Scholarship \$5,000/\$20,000; BG Success Scholarship \$4,000/\$16,000.

Grace Roshala. University of Pittsburgh. Buhl Health Foundation Scholarship \$10,000.

Amber Rutledge. PennWest University, Edinboro. Honors College Scholarship \$1,000; PennWest Premiere Scholarship \$4,000/\$16,000; Strimbu Memorial Scholarship \$2,000.

Gia Russo. College of Charleston. Ron Meiss Memorial Scholarship \$500.

Sumedh Sambharam. Purdue University. Math Award; Stull and Carr Scholarship \$1,150/\$4,600.

Grant Schnolis. Purdue University. John Philip Sousa Band Award; Wombacker Award \$1,500.

Adam Scott. Kent State University. President's Achievement Award \$13,000/\$52,000; Hermitage FOP #82 Dan Holiga Scholarship \$500; William

"Bill" Basilone Jr. Golf Scholarship \$1,000.

Ryan Scott. Drama Award; Edgar S. Groves Award \$1,000.

Hope Seidel. Duquesne University. Duquesne Scholarship \$25,000/\$100,000; Drama Award; Future Business Leader of America; Tanis Emerald Kennedy Memorial Scholarship \$500.

Ava Shellenbarger. University of Pittsburgh. Alexis & Danielle - Stronger Together Scholarship \$1,000; Buhl Health Foundation Scholarship \$5,000; Tri-Athlete Award.

Sierra Sigler. Westminster College. Towers Scholarship \$29,000/\$116,000; Marching Band Scholarship \$1,000/\$4,000; Drama Award; Ken Seaman's Memorial Scholarship \$1,700.

Liam Slicker. Westminster College. Titan Scholarship \$26,000/\$104,000; Frank & Ester Van Dyke Music Scholarship \$1,300/\$5,200; McClure Music Scholarship \$500/\$2,000; Music Talent Scholarship \$1,300/\$5,200.

Jacob Sloan. Rochester Institute of Technology. RIT Founders Scholarship \$25,000/\$100,000; Stull and Carr Scholarship \$1,150/\$4,600.

Zamyra Smith. University of Pittsburgh. Tri-Athlete Award.

Paul Spielvogle. Carnegie Mellon University. Math Award; Physics Award; Ron Meiss Memorial Scholarship \$500; Spanish Award; Stull and Carr Scholarship \$1,150/\$4,600; Tom Burns All-Stars \$150.

Logan Stanford. University of Charlestown. Mercer County Community FCU Scholarship \$1,000.

Lucas Stitt. Youngstown State University. President's Scholarship \$4,000/\$16,000; Honors Program Scholarship \$3,000/\$12,000; Honors Housing Scholarship \$2,000/\$4,000.

Aeris Sumner. Penn State Shenango. Shenango Advisory Board Scholarship \$3,000/\$12,000.

Farhaan Syed. The Pennsylvania State University. Penn State Shenango Scholarship \$2,990/\$11,960.

Mia Trinchese. Duquesne University. LTP Tuition Scholarship \$25,534/\$102,136; Educator of Impact Scholarship \$7,500/\$30,000; General Donor Funded Award \$2,500; Brian Daniel Grgurich Memorial Scholarship \$400; Paul Sanders Legacy Scholarship \$500; Ron Meiss Memorial Scholarship \$500; Stull and Carr Scholarship \$1,150/\$4,600; William "Bill" Basilone Jr. Memorial Scholarship \$1,000.

Vincent Uberti. Penn State University Behrend. PSU Commonwealth Award \$1,000/\$4,000; PSU Commonwealth Assistance Award \$1,000/\$4,000; Tri-Athlete Award.

Jaden Vasconi. Lock Haven University. Merit Scholarship \$4,000/\$20,000.

Ben Walls. Rider University. Tri-Athlete Award.

Jillian White. Baldwin Wallace University. Dr. Morren J. Greenburg Memorial Scholarship \$1,000; Hickory Cross Country Leadership Award; Ron Meiss Memorial Scholarship \$500; Sarah S. Ward Scholarship \$2,000; Stull and Carr Scholarship \$1,150/\$4,600; Tri-Athlete Award; Varsity "H" Athlete of the Year.

Hannah Wiesen. Slippery Rock University. Slippery Rock Merit Scholarship \$2,000/\$8,000; 2025 United Steelworkers Scholarship \$1,500; 2025 Credit Union Scholarship \$1,000; Spanish Award.

Robyn Woge. Duquesne University. Achievement Award \$25,000/\$100,000; Drama Award.

Ionta and Delahunty Schools Celebrate a School Year Filled with Academic Accomplishments and Achievement

Mr. Eric Trosch, Ionta and Delahunty Principal

Hello Hermitage Community Members!

The end of every school year brings a variety of mixed emotions for students and teachers. It's a time of year for us to celebrate our students' accomplishments and to recognize them for their hard work, determination and effort; as well as an opportunity for us to express our thanks and appreciation to all of our students for a job well done. We would like to wish our seventh graders the very best of luck as they embark upon the next leg of their journey at Hickory High School. We look forward to watching our students mature and develop into valuable and successful citizens within our community.

The torch has been passed between grade levels and we especially look forward to our incoming seventh grade students to embrace their new position of leading by example and displaying positive school-wide behaviors for others to follow.

We would like to congratulate all students who have worked extremely hard in earning "Full Year Perfect Attendance", "All Year Honor and High Honor Roll", "Academic Game Honorees" and "Special Grade Level Award Winners". We thank you for your hard work, effort and dedication to maintain academic excellence as well as your commitment to being a positive and productive student within our schools.

Congratulations to the 2024-25 Special Award Winner Recipients!

The "Ray Olsen Citizenship" Award (grades 4-7): A student who displays evidence of exemplary citizenship within our school and demonstrates consideration and compassion for others. Congratulations!

- Grade 4 – Andrew Kemper*
- Grade 5 – Parker Lapikas*
- Grade 6 – Brayden Sickafus*
- Grade 7 – Hannah Hargest*

The "Rev. William Brest Industrious Student" Award (grades 5 and 7 only): A student who is motivated and dedicated, has a good work ethic, moral and ethical, and is a strong role model for others. Congratulations!

- Grade 5 – Arian Singh*
- Grade 7 – Sophia Lewis-Bateson*

The "All In" Award (Grades 4-7): A student who always tries their best, treats others with respect, is hardworking, accepting of everyone, true to self, takes responsibility for their actions, and is ready for anything the day can bring. Congratulations!

- Grade 4 – Logan Zec*
- Grade 5 – Isabelle Wanchisin*
- Grade 6 – Emma Wanchisin*
- Grade 7 – Maya Tartal*

The "Principal's 200 Club" Award (Grades 4-7): A student who consistently exhibits the three R's on a daily basis which is defined as being Ready, Respectful and Responsible, and has contributed to the school culture and classroom learning environment in a healthy and positive manner. Congratulations!

- Grade 4 – Easton Tribley*
- Grade 5 – Hayden McElhaney*
- Grade 6 – Spencer Kulka*
- Grade 7 – Owen Lutz*



End of Year Carnival Celebration at Ionta and Delahunty Schools!

On Tuesday, May 27th, the DMS Student Council hosted its yearly carnival which served Kona Ice, homemade cotton candy and carnival sidewalk games. Teachers and students celebrated together during the carnival festivities that was organized by Fifth Grade Math Teacher and Student Council advisor Mrs. Michelle Lanshcak. A dunk tank and Chinese Auction was added to this year's activities. Mrs. Lanshcak recruited several staff members who were willing to bear the cold weather and water in the dunk tank.

These staff members included Mike Wilson, Mike Jones, Matt McKee, Jennie Kemper, Amy Anderson, Stephanie Bucci, Rick Stephens and Jessica Johnson. The monies collected from this event will go 100% back to the students in the form of items purchased for next year's carnival.

Mrs. Lanshcak said her students came up with a fun fundraising idea to include at the carnival. They wanted a Chinese Auction. The students and Mrs. Lanshcak brainstormed local businesses to speak to regarding donations. As always, our community came through and donated a lot of wonderful items.

These businesses included:

- Elephant #8
- Dairy Queen
- Saxton's Barbershop
- El Vallarta
- TT Nails
- Muscarella's
- In-Style Nails
- The Corral
- Nail Design
- Daffin's Candies
- O'Neil Coffee
- Shenango Valley Cinema
- Buhl Club
- Pizza Hut
- Game Stop
- Tam O'Shanter
- Lock Stock and Barrel
- Buhl Park Golf (Dum Dum)
- Hot Rod's Sub Shop
- Omega Lumber
- Hometown Pizza
- Sheetz
- Pine Hollow Motors
- Alessandra's Dance Studio

Mrs. Lanshcak said that members of her Student Council went on their own time to speak to these businesses and collect donations. She explained, "I am beyond proud of these kids. It isn't easy to go and ask to speak with a manager and explain why we would like donations, but they did it!"

Student Council president, Austin Battin, went above and beyond and even was able to get a large monetary donation from his grandfather. Thank you, Austin!

"It was the best learning experience for these students," said Mrs. Lanshcak. Tickets were sold 10 for \$1.00 or 25 for \$5.00. Many of our students' parents donated their time to make this carnival/auction run smoothly. Thank you, parents, for supporting our students and schools throughout this entire school year!

The Student Council donated money to AWARE in downtown Sharon and also towards the IES/DMS clothing closet. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and donations.

They say, "It takes a village", and it truly does!!

Artman Elementary School

Dr. Andrew Kemper, Artman Principal

Turning the corner on 2024-2025

Another great year has come to an end at Artman. As we usher our outgoing 3rd graders to Ionta, we welcome our new 3rd grade class to be our leaders in the building. Our end of year awards assembly has a focus on passing the leadership onto the next group. We will miss the examples and leadership that this outgoing 3rd grade class has provided for our younger students throughout the year.

While we are sad to see our outgoing group go, we are equally excited to welcome the class of 2038 into kindergarten. Several spring events for the incoming kindergarteners have helped the students and their families familiarize themselves with the school. Much like the students in each older grade, the incoming students share a common bond. The parents of those students are embarking on a 13 year journey together as their students move through the grade levels. We are excited for what the future holds!

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, 2025, 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.

Back-to-School Bash 2025:

Mark your calendars! This year's Back To School Bash will be held on Tuesday, August 12, from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM at Saint Michael's Center, located on 2230 Highland Road in Hermitage, PA.

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of our committee and community partners, we are excited to announce that 1,000 book bags will be available for any student in need. In addition, 35 local vendors will be on-site to distribute school supplies to every child who attends. Families can expect a fun, supportive atmosphere where students will receive the tools they need to start the school year prepared and confident.

But the support doesn't stop there. This year we're also proud to introduce the "Back IN School Bash". The committee will deliver book bags directly to every school in Mercer County at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. This ensures that even more students across the county will benefit from this community effort, right where they learn.

Whether you're attending the bash in person or part of a school benefiting from the new delivery program, our goal remains the same: to ensure every student starts the school year equipped for success.

We hope to see you at Saint Michael's on August 12!



E-Waste Recycling Program

- Year-round @ the City Garage, 5250 Virginia Road
- 1st & 3rd Fridays – 7 a.m.-noon
- \$20.00 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

NEW - Please contact Aiken Refuse @ (724)-758-9400 x5 prior to dropping off tires, they will provide residents with a confirmation code to be used at drop off.

Location: The City Garage, 5250 Virginia Road

Time: Mon-Fri, 8AM-3PM

Requirements: The year round tire and household appliance drop-off program is for Hermitage residents only. Proof of residency will be required upon disposal

Accepted Items: The number of tires per visit is limited to four (4) tires. No tires with rims or tires with dirt inside the casings, will be accepted. All household appliances will be accepted. Items containing Freon must have any doors disabled, Freon removed and be properly tagged by a certified technician. For additional information, call the Hermitage Municipal Building at 724-981-0800



Does it Belong in Your Recycling Bin?



Questions:
Aiken Refuse, 724-758-9400, www.aikenrefuse.com,
City of Hermitage, 724-981-0800, www.hermitage.net

Hermitage Recycling, Yard Waste, Garbage

2025 Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste collection will take place as part of your normal curbside collection on a weekly basis from the 3rd week in April through the 2nd week in December.

(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
City of Hermitage @ (724) 981-0800

FREE PRC's TRAVELING GLASS RECYCLING BIN

April 26th – May 1st
September 27th - October 2nd
7 a.m. to Sundown

Location to be determined

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.

Bulk Trash Pick Up 2025 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.

BATTERIES SHOULD NOT BE DISPOSED OF IN YOUR TRASH OR RECYCLING CANS

- They are considered hazardous waste and can be disposed of at "special collections" held throughout Mercer County. Visit <https://lawrencecountypa.gov/departments/recycling-and-solid-waste> or hermitage.net for more details.

From the Desk of the Treasurer

Bernie Harry, Hermitage Treasurer



Hello everyone. As we prepare School Real Estate bills and Per Capita bills for the August 1st mailing, we are happy to inform you that there is NO increase for tax year 2025! The Hermitage School District taxes will remain at the face amount this year from October 1st through December 31, 2025, since the Hermitage

School District has decided to **not** charge the 10% penalty again this year. All taxes remaining unpaid after December 31, 2025, 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.** When moving from Hermitage, please notify the tax office to have your name removed.

Fire Department Leadership Transition



Hermitage City Manager Gary Hinkson announced on May 23 that Michael J. Wadlow has been named to replace John Flynn as Fire Marshal in the Hermitage Fire Department. Fire Marshal Flynn is retiring, effective August 1, 2025. Until then, beginning on June 2, 2025, Mr. Wadlow will serve as Fire Marshal-designate

reporting to Fire Marshal Flynn in a transition period. He will assume his duties as Fire Marshal on August 1, 2025. Mr. Wadlow has over 21 years of experience in fire and emergency services and is a 4-year member of the Hermitage Fire Department where he held the rank of Lieutenant until this appointment. Prior to residing in Hermitage, he was employed as a fire fighter with the City of Warren, PA Fire Department and for 14 years as Chief of the North Warren Volunteer Fire Department. He has worked for Ellwood Crankshaft Group since 2003, most recently as Director of Maintenance & Facilities.

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 may only receive the credit on your primary residence. The 2025 Homestead/Farmstead allowance for all approved home-owner parcels within the HERMITAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT is \$193.20

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.

If you have any questions not addressed in this issue, feel free to call our office at 724-347-4472.

Enjoy your summer!

From the Chief of Police



Vehicle Code and Traffic Safety

Paul Miller's Law (Senate Bill No. 37) took effect June 5, 2025. Section 3716.1(a) of the PA Vehicle Code now prohibits the use of hand-held interactive mobile devices (cell phones) while driving a motor vehicle. Prohibited behavior includes holding, dialing, or answering by pressing more than one button, or reaching for an interactive mobile device in a manner that requires the driver to become unseated from the driving position or unrestrained by a seat belt.

This section applies to any motor vehicle operating upon a highway, including while temporarily stationary in traffic, or

He has served in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve from 2002-2014, is a combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and received several combat and achievement medals and awards.

Hinkson said "Mike Wadlow has a true love for fire service along with the technical and administrative knowledge necessary to be Fire Marshal."

At the same time the City wishes to thank Fire Marshal Flynn for his over 33 years of service with the Hermitage Fire Department, the last 10 years as Fire Marshal. He has cultivated an atmosphere of cooperation with area departments related to mutual response to incidents and shared training opportunities. He has expanded the membership of the Hermitage Volunteer Fire Department, initiated new programs and policies, and he oversaw the merger of the Wheatland Volunteer Fire Department into the Hermitage Volunteer Fire Department. During his tenure as Fire Marshal he was an important member of the City management team, working closely with staff on City events and initiatives. We wish John the very best in his future endeavors.

Adam Piccirillo, City of Hermitage Chief of Police

stopped at a red traffic signal or stop sign. It does not apply if the driver has moved the vehicle safely out of the flow of traffic, to the side of or off of a highway, and is stopped in a location where the vehicle can safely remain stationary. Additionally, it does not apply if using an interactive mobile device that is necessary to communicate with a law enforcement official or other emergency services to prevent injury to persons or property.

Per statute, only warnings may be issued from June 5, 2025, until June 5, 2026. On or after June 6, 2026, this offense will be punishable by a \$50 fine.



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

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