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Fireworks
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HERMITAGE
ARTS
Festival
July 14 & 15, 2018

**Spotlight
Business**
JOY JOY CONE CELEBRATES
100 YEARS PG. 2



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World's largest ice cream cone company, Joy Cone celebrates 100 years in business

Story contributed by Dick Davis

Lebanese immigrant Albert George started things in 1918 with a used, hand-operated cone-baking oven. The George & Thomas Cone Company was born.

One hundred years later and known as the Joy Cone Company, the third-generation firm is operated by the George family through an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) with about 1,050 employees at plants in Hermitage, Iowa, Arizona, and Mexico City. Joy is the world's largest ice cream cone company, baking about two billion cones a year.

"I think Albert would be shocked at the size of the company" says David George, Joy president and CEO, and grandson of Albert. "Our market place has grown considerably from what it was when he retired in 1964."

"I also think he'd be very proud of our company and the way his son, Joe (Joe George, father of David), turned things around in the 1960s. My grandfather lived long enough to see that the next generation had the company on an upward trajectory. But he would not have anticipated what has happened over the past several decades."

David is a graduate of Hickory High School and earned a BA from Harvard University and an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh.

In 2000, Joy opened its western plant in Flagstaff, AZ. And in late 2016, Joy bought BoDean's Baking Group in Iowa and Altesa in Mexico to broaden its base from the retail and grocery business to include industrial customers.

The soon-to-open addition in Hermitage of a \$20 million, 112,000 sq. ft. facility will initially employ a dozen and

manufacture cookie products used as inclusions in ice cream. Lamor Road, Hermitage is Joy's home base and employs about 400.

"While there are a number of reasons for our success," David says, "perhaps the most important has been our dedicated work force. Over the years, we have invested a lot of money in buildings, ovens, and equipment, but if you don't have the right people in place, all of that does not matter."

"Our employees are part of the 'extended' Joy Cone family, and as an employee-owned company, we all know that we are in this together."

Joy's numerous products include sugar cones, cake cones, chocolate-dipped cones, waffle cones, and waffle bowls of all sizes and shapes with Gluten-free options. Joy's extensive website of www.joycone.com offers a blog with recipes not just for cones with the usual ice cream products but also for cones filled with fruit, lettuce, or chicken. A monthly coloring contest is available for children.

"We continue to try to reach markets other than ice cream," David says. "We are always looking for new ways to prepare other, edible items."



The Hermitage Arts Festival Committee is seeking talented individuals to participate in our Summer Arts Festival.

**ARTISTS, MUSICIANS, DANCERS, PERFORMERS
OF ALL TALENTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY!**

Contact MaryEllen McKendry at (724) 981-0800 for more information.

Calls for Artists



Artists' Marketplace Application

Artist's Name _____

Company (if any) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (daytime) _____ (evening/cell) _____

E-Mail _____ Fax _____

Fees

\$50.00 for 10' x 10' booth space
Number of spaces requested: _____

\$10.00 for electricity per space (if needed)

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

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

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

Art Categories

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

Two-Dimensional Fine Arts

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

Three-Dimensional Fine Arts

Sculpture Clay (non-functional) Mixed Media

Fine Crafts

<input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry	<input type="checkbox"/> Clay (functional)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood (functional)
<input type="checkbox"/> Metalsmithing	<input type="checkbox"/> Glass	<input type="checkbox"/> Fibers/Textiles
<input type="checkbox"/> Leather	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

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

This application also available online at
www.hermitage.net

Artist's Brief

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

Signature _____

Date _____

Artwork Description

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

Would you like to demonstrate your art talent during the festival?

Yes No

Artist Release

The undersigned and all persons in the booth agree to all the terms of the Hermitage Arts Festival. Any injury or damage to persons or property caused by either items for sale or display is the sole responsibility of the artisan and his/her representative. Property owners and/or agents of Hermitage Arts Festival shall be held blameless from any liability thereof. Because space is being reserved for the undersigned, the undersigned understands that the application fee is fully refundable only until June 15, 2018; after that date, refunds for cancellations are at the discretion of the festival organizers. Hermitage Arts Festival reserves the right to accept/reject any application at its discretion without explanation.

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

Signature _____

Date _____

Terms & Conditions

- Applications must include fee. Please make checks payable to City of Hermitage.
- Application fee is \$50 per 10'x10' display space. Electricity fee is an additional \$10.
- All Artists must exhibit their own, original work; all items must be handcrafted. Only the types of items indicated on the application form may be sold.
- No flea market or commercially produced items will be permitted.
- At least three photos (no slides) of work to be displayed must be submitted. Acceptance is up to the committee's discretion. If possible, at least one photo should represent the overall look of your display booth.
- Space will be assigned according to art category, variety of artwork sold, and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Application fee is non-refundable for cancellations received after June 15, 2018.
- Exhibitors must furnish their own displays and must furnish their own tables, table coverings, chairs, and any extension cords for electricity.
- All exhibitors must be set up for the two days of the event. Set up is 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 14, and 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 15.
- No early breakdowns permitted. Teardown permitted only after show hours.
- Instructions for unloading and parking area designation for exhibitors will be available at the registration booth.
- Proper insurance and protection of work and displays are the responsibility of the artist. Hermitage Arts Festival will not be responsible for damage to work or display due to weather or unrelated incidents. Security will be provided overnight.
- No more than two artists may share a regular 10'x10' space. Each artist must submit photos of work to be displayed and sold.

Summer Rec Programs

Online registration @ www.hermitage.net or
<https://apm.activecommunities.com/cityofhermitage>

The City of Hermitage and the Hermitage School District are proud sponsors of this program.

(Miscellaneous Fun, Track & Field, Volleyball, Basketball, and Football programs are free to all Hermitage residents.)

The following activities will be offered beginning Tuesday, June 5 through Friday, July 20, 2017

(*Programs not offered the week of July 2-6)

Summer Rec

Day Camp (previously Playground) (Grades 2 - 7)

***Arts & Crafts** (Grades 2 - 6)

Swimming Buhl Park Pool

Cheerleading (Grades 2 - 6)

Tennis Lessons (Grades 2 - Adult)

***Music Lessons** (Grades 6 - 12)

Track & Field

Cross Country & Distance Running (Grades 7 - 12)

Shot Put, Discus & Javelin (Grades 7 - 12)

Sprinting & Hurdling (Grades 7 - 12)

Volleyball

***Girls Volleyball** (Grades 5 - 12)



Basketball

***Girls Basketball** (Grades 3 - 12)

***Boys Basketball** (Grades 3 - 12)

Football

Hickory Hornet Varsity & Freshmen

Summer Football Program (Grades 7 - 12)

Wrestling

Soccer

Clinics & Camps (Grades K - 12)

Elementary Summer Camp

***Nature Summer Camp** (Ages 3 up to entering 1st grade)

Youth Sports Program

Start Smart Baseball (Ages 3-5) July 9 thru August 13

(Soccer, Elementary Summer Camp and Start Smart Baseball are not traditional Summer Rec Programs, and have a fee.)

Adult Summer Rec Program

Kickball

July 16 - August 25

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



Go to hermitage.net, click on Parks & Rec to find a You Tube video. Check out the fun for yourself!

Cost: \$300 per team, includes shirt.

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

Location: Hermitage Athletic Complex, 750 North Darby Road

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

Hermitage Parks & Recreation Bus Trip

Vintage Market Days/ West Side Market Cleveland

Sunday, May 6, 2018



Join us for a fun day searching treasures. Anyone into re-purposed, home decorating and great craft ideas will get their fix at this event!! Vintage Market Days

is an upscale vintage-inspired indoor/outdoor market featuring original art, antiques, clothing, jewelry, handmade treasures, home décor, outdoor furnishings, consumable yummies, seasonal plantings and more. So much more than a flea market. We will also be making a quick stop at the West Side Market before returning.

Cost: \$34.00 per person, includes deluxe motor coach transportation and admission to the event. On your own for meals.
Time: Depart Hermitage Municipal Bldg. @ 8:00 am, return 6:30 pm
Register: Online @ www.hermitage.net by April 30.
More Information: 724-981-0800 ext. 1210

Hermitage Parks & Recreation Bus Trip

Strip District/ Pittsburgh Arts Festival

Saturday, June 9, 2018



First stop the Strip District, spend a few hours exploring the shops and great food carts before heading to the Pittsburgh Arts Festival.

Cost: \$25.00 per person, includes deluxe motor coach transportation. On your own for meals.

Time: Depart Hermitage Municipal Bldg. @ 8:00 am, return 6:30 pm
Register: Online @ www.hermitage.net by May 31
More Information: 724-981-0800 ext. 1210

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.



www.stormwaterpa.org/raingarden.html

Hermitage School District Summer Academy

The Hermitage School District will be conducting our 9th annual Summer Academy with 69 course offerings covering a variety of academic areas! Each year our district teachers develop innovative and engaging courses centered on a variety of academic topics including Camp Invention, computer programming, theater, math challenges, the arts, science, reading, as well as field trip courses to museums, zoos, national landmarks, and even Gettysburg, PA! Course brochures were sent home to all Hermitage School District students with their 3rd Marking Period report cards. Course information and online enrollment is available on our district website, www.hermitage.k12.pa.us. Be sure to register soon as courses will fill up quickly. We hope your child will be able to take advantage of this wonderful and exciting learning opportunity!

Success by Six 2018 – The United Way and Hermitage School District



are proud to offer the Success by Six summer program for incoming Kindergarten students for the 15th straight year! This program provides students the opportunity to familiarize themselves with our staff, building, and daily procedures before the start of the school year at no cost to the families and transportation is provided daily! Each day, students participate in academic and social skill lessons and activities to build a strong foundation prior to the first day of school. If you are interested in having your incoming Kindergartner attend Success by Six, please be sure your child is fully registered for Kindergarten and contact the Artman Office at 724.981.8750 ext. 5001.

Hickory High School Silver Cords Program

Focuses on Students' Community Service Experience

The Hickory High School administration and faculty have developed a unique volunteer program, Silver Cords, to instill students with the importance of community service and to encourage students to be accountable for investing in the community and their own education.

Silver Cords Program Goals:

- Enhance self-confidence
- Increase citizenship
- Give students the opportunity to work with people in their community
- Recognize students for their commitment to the community

The students may start earning volunteer hours beginning the summer prior to their freshman year and must acquire at least 150 volunteer hours at a minimum of four (4) eligible community organizations / locations throughout their high school career. The students are responsible to ensure that the organization in which they are volunteering is on the approved provider list.

There are in excess of 100 approved organizations / locations where the students may volunteer. Approved agencies are required to notify the HHS Silver Cords committee of changes within their agency regarding their designated program coordinator and their contacts authorized to sign off on the student volunteer's hours.

The students receive invaluable and rewarding volunteer experiences and have opportunities to learn about community service organizations and events. The approved organizations

realize the value of the volunteer service and provide positive community experiences for the student volunteers.

The City of Hermitage has utilized the HHS Silver Cords Program volunteers for special events



Volunteers performing grounds maintenance at LindenPointe

such as the Hermitage Arts Festival, the Hermitage Holiday Light Parade, the Hermitage Spikeball Tournament and the Hermitage Farmers' Market. Students have also volunteered at various city facilities including the Hermitage Athletic Complex, the eCenter@ LindenPointe and Rodney White Olympic Park. Neil Hosick, Facilities Coordinator and a Silver Cords program contact stated: "This is an amazing program introducing students to volunteerism and providing support for many city sponsored events and at various city facilities. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with these young adults and witnessing their talents."

For more information on the program interested and participating organizations should contact – Katie Passerotti at katie_passerotti@hermitage.k12.pa.us

16th Annual
Strawberry
FESTIVAL
& AUCTION

Sunday, June 10
1– 4 p.m.

The
RIDGEWOOD
AT Shenango Valley

Celebrating 20 Years • 1998 - 2018

One Elston Way, Hermitage, PA • next to UPMC Horizon

The event features Chance & Chance PLUS auctions,
a Live auction, 50/50 Raffle, LIVE music & fun for kids!
Specially prepared strawberry desserts are also served.

We welcome your donations for the desserts.

*Auction items include: gift baskets, gift certificates, art,
autographed sports memorabilia, golf packages, toys, and much more.*

**Proceeds from the auctions and raffles benefit the Good Samaritan Fund
at The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley and are used solely
for benevolent and unfunded care.**



Special Drawing!
Bring this coupon to the
event for a **FREE** chance
to win a
**** Google Home Mini ****
Limit three coupons per person.
Additional chances
may be purchased
for \$5 each.
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Admission is \$1.00 or one non-expired canned food item per person.
Admission proceeds benefit the Community Food Warehouse in Sharon, PA.

Update on eCenter Tenants



◀ Andy Hessler: Brokkr Technologies

Brokkr Technologies is commercializing a proven metal diffusion coating technology that dramatically improves the performance of a number of different metal substrates. Brokkr Technologies is preparing for the Penn State Venture and IP conference coming up mid-April. We're also close to completing our newest coating unit.



◀ Ron Anderson: Anderal Technologies

“Ford Double Point Incremental Forming machine at Penn State Behrend which was provided by Ford to be fitted with the EAM Metal Forming Technology as being commercialized by Anderal Technologies.”



◀ Mark Rossi: Earthen Crystals ►

Earthen Crystals is rapidly expanding, now entering the international wholesaling markets in addition to our retail sales of Crystals, Minerals, Fossils, Jewelry & more. We specialize in premium quality grades, new find materials & rarities at fair market prices.



“Ron Anderson of Anderal Technologies exhibiting at a recent venture capital and intellectual property conference promoting its design of a flattening process utilizing Electrically Assisted Manufacturing Technology.”



◀ Brian Flick: The Guardians Nest ►

The Guardians Nest recently purchased a vacant home in Sharon, that will become a Veteran resource center and transitional housing for homeless Veterans.



◀ Jacob Linzenbold: ATP Resources

ATP Resources continues to provide medical equipment and supplies for physical therapists and other medical professionals. They keep working to improve upon product designs that increase freedom for people with mobility issues.

◀ Rob McGoff: Senior Helping Seniors ►

Seniors Helping Seniors is a new in-home senior care business in the Hermitage area. By matching active seniors with less active seniors, we provide assistance and a sense of companionship, while also helping seniors continue to enjoy activities at home and in the community.





eAcademy travels to Harrisburg

Written by Jocelyn Roth, Hickory '18

This past February I was chosen to be one of three students from the Entrepreneurship Academy at LindenPointe to take a trip to Harrisburg in partnership with Penn State Shenango. We attended what is known as "Penn State at The Capitol" where we got to meet representatives from all of the Penn State campuses while being in the rotunda of The Capitol Building. This gave us an opportunity to meet our local representatives, and we were given an in depth tour of The Capitol Building by Senator Michelle Brooks.

The very same evening we participated in a networking event with other young entrepreneurs from Penn State, including a handful from our local Shenango campus. This event was especially beneficial for me as I was able to meet a student who

is creating 3D printed shoes from printers he designs himself. The company my team and I have started is in the shoe business which allowed me to discuss the different ideas we had in regards to producing a new mechanism for the shoe using 3D printing technologies.

The following day we went to the Department of Community and Economic Development. Here we were each able to explain our start-up business and grasp a better understanding about where a portion of our program's funding, through grants, has come from. To conclude our trip, we were just in time to attend the annual budget address. Through this trip we were able to spread awareness of what we do at the Entrepreneurship Academy, meet with members of our local government, and network with startup entrepreneurs just like us.

AT LEFT: Jocelyn Roth with Senator Michelle Brooks and eAcademy students Emily Messina and Brad Metz.



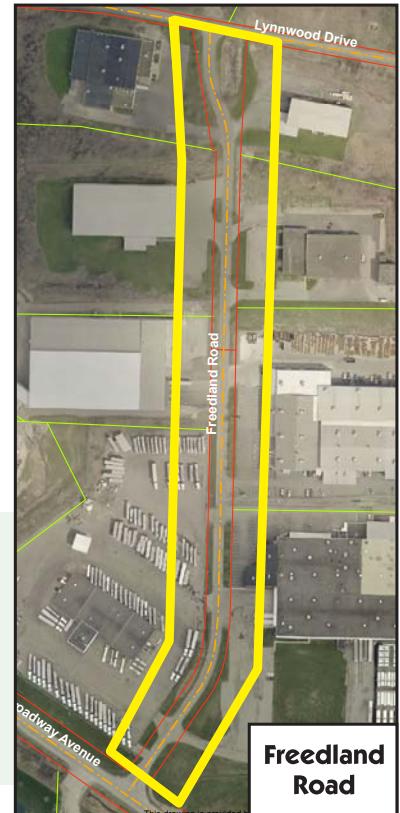
ABOVE: Jocelyn Roth with Representative Mark Longietti and the Penn State Shenango VenturePointe team

2018 City of Hermitage Projects . . .



2018 Neighborhood Investment Program

– Work will continue on Phase 5 of Block 5 Neighborhood Investment Program in early May and will be completed by late summer. Phase 5 includes Lyle Drive from Parkview Blvd to Highland Road. The work scheduled to be included consists of storm water improvements, removal of existing pavement, repairs to roadway base where necessary and the repaving of the street.

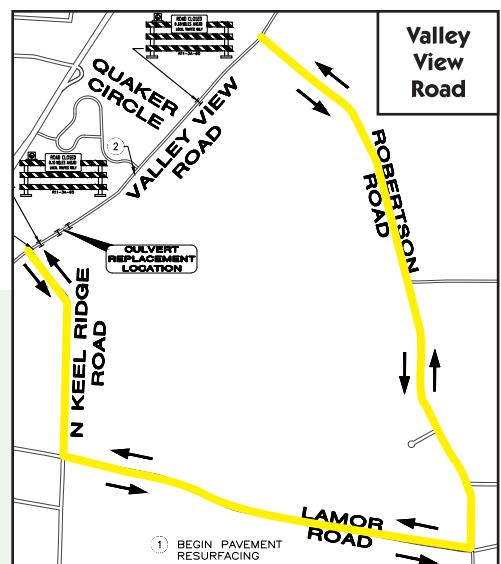


Freedland Road Project – The work to be included consists of storm water improvements, removal of existing pavement, repairs to roadway base where necessary and the repaving of the street. Construction is expected to begin later this summer.



2018 Capital Paving Project

– Pave Bonny Lane and Knapp Ave. starting at State Street and going 325' to the north. The work scheduled to be included consists of removal of existing pavement, repairs to roadway base where necessary and repaving of the streets. Project is scheduled to begin in late May and be completed in June.



Valley View Road Project – Replace a culvert north of Keel Ridge Road, removal of existing pavement, repairs to roadway base where necessary and the repaving of the street. A detour will be required when replacing the culvert. This detour utilizes Robertson Road, Lamor Road and N. Keel Ridge Road. Work is expected to begin in June and be completed by late summer.

PA DOT and County Projects . . .



State Street Project (PA DOT)

– This project will include road reconstruction on nearly two miles of East State Street in the City of Sharon and the City of Hermitage, Mercer County.

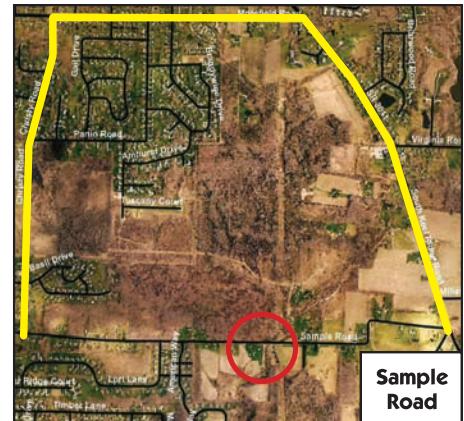
The project includes milling and paving 1.92 miles of East State Street Road from the intersection with Route 18 to the intersection with Route 518 (Stambaugh Avenue/Euclid Avenue) in the City of Sharon. Work will also include traffic signal, curb ramp, lane configuration between Buhl Farm Drive and the Hermitage City Line and drainage upgrades.

Replacement of a bridge on East State Street is also included in the project. The existing 15-foot-long bridge will be replaced

with a reinforced-concrete box culvert. Project is currently under construction.

Sample Road Bridge Project (Mercer County)

– Mercer County plans to replace an existing bridge on Sample Road starting in May and to be completed by August 2018. A detour uses Christy Road, Morefield Road and south Keel Ridge Road during this project.



From the Fire Chief . . .

John R. Flynn, Fire Marshal-Chief

Spring time is upon us and a lot of us will be starting our outside spring cleaning. Just a reminder, the City of Hermitage has a burning ordinance regulating what you are allowed to burn, hours of burning and the type of container you must burn within. The ordinance was set-up for your safety and the safety of your neighbors. Here are a few highlights of the ordinance:

- Burning hours are Monday thru Saturday 6:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- No burning on Sunday or Holidays.
- You can only burn paper, cloth and wood, Class A materials.
- You are NOT allowed to burn leaves, trash, or anything that will create a noxious odor.
- Burning is prohibited within 15' of any structure or property line.
- Someone must be attending to the fire at all times.
- Recreational fires for outdoor cooking or bonfires are permitted, but cannot be bigger than 5' in length, width and height.
- No burning on windy days.
- Fines can be up to \$1000 per violation.

For a complete copy of the ordinance please contact the fire department or the city municipal building.

How to Safely Ignite the Fire

An adult should always be present during open burning. Keep



children and pets a safe distance away. Use paper and kindling to start the fire and add progressively larger pieces of wood.

Safety Tips for Open Burning Season

Never use gasoline, kerosene or any other flammable liquid to start a fire. Burn one small pile at a time and slowly add to it. This will help keep the fire from getting out of control. Select a location away from any utility lines, structures, dry grass and keep a 5' square area around the container free of combustible debris.

Fire Must Be Attended Until Extinguished

While the fire is burning, an adult must attend the fire until it is completely extinguished.

Have Fire Control Tools On Hand

Have fire extinguishment materials on hand including a water supply, shovels and rakes. The water supply could be a pressurized water fire extinguisher, a pump can or garden hose, and be sure to test it out before igniting the fire.



Watch the Wind: Be Prepared to Extinguish All Open Burning

Be prepared to extinguish your fire if the winds pick up or weather changes. Sudden wind change is how most open burning gets out of control.

Don't Delay a Call For Help

If the fire gets out of control, call the fire department immediately. Use the utmost caution to prevent injury to yourself or family members or any damage by fire to your home.

From the Chief of Police . . .

Eric Jewell, City of Hermitage Chief of Police



Did you know?

Tragically, active shooter and other violent attacks at work places, schools, shopping centers, gyms, restaurants, churches, government buildings, hospitals, etc. are on the rise nationally according to statistics. Unfortunately, it clearly is only a matter of when and where not if. That said this information is not intended to scare, alarm or induce fear,

but merely provide some very basic information to increase survivability should that where and when ever be here and now.

Local, state and federal government agencies and private companies can provide discussion and training to the public on this horrendous subject. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has many online references available for citizens, malls, employers, houses of worship, etc. Private companies like ALICE are really popular with schools and businesses. Most government and private sectors teach some variant of the FBI's "Run, Hide, Fight" concept. Gone is the traditional single-option thinking of a lockdown, which researchers say is too passive and costs lives. Today's concepts reduce loss of life by employing a multi-option response of essentially run or escape if you can, hide and barricade if you can't run, and fight or counter if you can't run or hide. It simply gives individuals in immediate harms way decision making choices for their survival based on the situation before them.

Rest assured area law enforcement (municipal police officers, deputy sheriffs, troopers, constables, conservation officers, probation officers, etc.), emergency medical personnel and firefighters will be responding with haste for any active shooter situation. The Hermitage Police Department is trained and equipped to deal with an active shooter and we will respond rapidly and intensely without hesitation to stop the violence. However, these incidents can start and end quickly with many casualties before police arrive. You can help yourself and others survive. Have and know emergency plans. Know and report potential violence indicators/behaviors. Know exits and evacuation routes. Know rally or meeting points away from the building. Know how to barricade and hide your location. Know



a window may be a door to escape. Convince others to escape when running is the best option. Know how to attack the attacker when it is prudent to do so or there are no other options. Know what to expect and how to act when police arrive. Know you can survive even if wounded.

Common sense knowledge and training does make a difference. Call the Hermitage Police Department if you would like a presentation (hour long overview) on active shooter for your Hermitage, Clark or Wheatland business, company, organization or group.

Traffic Safety

From time to time there are area power outages that leave traffic control signals temporarily non-operational. Whether it is a falling tree taking down power lines, a car crash shearing off a utility pole or an unfortunate squirrel shorting out a transformer; these incidents or accidents can cause traffic lights to go dark and make traversing any busy intersection very challenging.



If you approach an intersection and notice the traffic signal is completely unlighted, come to a complete stop before entering the intersection. Then proceed as you would at an all way stop sign intersection. Yield right of way to any vehicle already in the intersection and proceed only when it is safe to do so. Good driver to driver eye contact (if possible), courtesy and patience helps.

If a police officer or other person authorized and appropriately attired to direct and control traffic (firefighter, utility person, etc.) is in the intersection, pay attention to his or her directions. Slow down, be prepared to stop and give the person directing traffic adequate space for safety as you pass. If a person directing traffic has his or her back to you, stop and wait to be directed. Please be patient and understanding if only a single-directional method is used or if you are denied the option to turn left.

We contact the power company and/or our signal maintenance contractor immediately when a non-working traffic light is found or reported. In addition to Hermitage police sometimes using portable stop signs at unlighted traffic light intersections, the Hermitage Fire Department often comes to the rescue by deploying portable generators to temporarily power the traffic signals. In addition to unlighted traffic lights during or after bad storms, motorists should be watchful for other hazards, including but not limited to, flooding, ponding on road surfaces, fallen trees, downed wires and rocks and debris washed onto the roadway.

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Crime Prevention

Each year criminals running phone, internet and mail scams unsuccessfully attempt to defraud numerous city residents, but unfortunately several citizens do fall prey to trickery, greed, loneliness and scare tactics. In the end these good hard working or retired people end up losing hundreds if not thousands of dollars.

The IRS scam is still a favorite scheme with crooks. Thieves call and pose as the IRS. They say you owe unpaid taxes and will be arrested or heavily fined if you don't pay by credit or gift card or wire funds now. Some con artists call and pretend to be with the gas or electric company. They say your account is overdue and to avoid an immediate utility shut-off they ask for your credit card number or have you obtain and mail certain gift cards to them. The family member in jail in a foreign country needing bond money or a family member visiting a foreign country injured in an auto accident needing money for surgery are well orchestrated flimflams. Of course no family member is in jail or hurt. The foreign lottery hustle is still around. The "winner" gets a call and will receive his or her huge prize money after wiring nominal taxes or fees to a foreign country. Remember, you didn't play this lottery so how could you possibly win. Don't be lured by emails or letters to try to rescue an unjustly exiled prince's fortune, which was unfairly seized by some exotic country in political turmoil. Swindlers ask you to wire a mere few hundred dollars to some overseas bank to enable the fortune to be transferred to a friendly country or bank. The prince will then reward you handsomely once he is again in control of his riches. There is never any reward as there is no prince.

Be leery of romance schemes too. These heartbreakers criminals surf dating sites or chat rooms of lonely people and pose as persons in similar situations or often as American service men and women stationed overseas. After lengthy correspondence, they then plan to visit their online love but have unexpected travel issues or tragedies requiring emergency money be sent overseas to continue the much awaited rendezvous. These Don Juan thieves only have love for their victims' money.

Don't be duped by these conniving and fast talking/typing culprits. If you receive a call, letter, email or text involving situations like these or even remotely similar scenarios, ask a family member, friend, banker or a police officer for a second opinion before sending money anywhere. Most of these villains live and operate their scams in foreign countries where most U.S. law enforcement cannot go or where prosecution is declined. Sometimes foreign fraudsters use unwitting people inside the United States to unknowingly assist in their crimes by receiving and resending funds. Police will not be able to recover your stolen money from outside the United States and these criminals will be free to continue to use deception to target other Americans.



From the Treasurer . . .

Bernadette Harry, Treasurer

County/City Tax Bills

Hello and welcome to spring!

All County/City tax bills were sent on March 1, 2018. **Remember that it is your responsibility to inform the tax office if you did not receive your bill.**

We are headed into the face period of billing through June 30, and then the 10% penalty will be added.



The next tax bills go out on **August 1**. At that time you should receive both the School Tax bill and your Per Capita bill. If your annual income falls under \$10,000.00 from all sources, with proof, there is an exoneration from part of the Per Capita. You must come in to the office, with proof of all income each year to receive any exoneration.

Anyone moving to or from Hermitage should notify our office to either add you to our Per Capita and census or remove you as needed. All residents over the age of 18 are required to pay the Per Capita Tax.

This year, at the request of the auditors, separate checks for County/City, School and Per Capita were needed for payment, as noted on your bills.

This has caused some confusion for residents. So, to explain, your **County/City bill is one combined bill** and requires only **one check!** Should you have multiple parcels and are paying all the County/City bills, you may still combine those to one check. The concern was with taxpayers who pay all their bills at one time later in the year. They were combining County/City with School/or Per Capita bills, which we can no longer accept. They are 3 separate accounts and need to be paid as such.



Once again we would like to let you know that our office is open to your questions and comments either in person, or by phone @ 724-347-4472. We will be happy to assist you.

Shenango Valley YMCA



Upcoming Events & Programs

Youth Activities

SUMMER T-BALL/COACHES PITCH – Co-ed instructional league. Ages 3-7. Register at the YMCA now - June 4.

Workout Instruction for Teens (W.I.T.) – Ages 12-14. Designed to be fun, stimulating, educational, and act as a springboard to a healthier life. WIT teaches proper techniques in resistance training, cardio training and stretching. It also teaches the importance of healthy eating.

F.I.T. (Fun Interactive Training)

4 Kids – Ages 8-11. 4-week program to demonstrate healthy physical activities for kids. Sessions include instructional lessons and gym activities. So much fun, the kids probably won't even realize they're working out! Bonus: weekly challenges to take home.



Special Event

POLAR BEAR THAW BIKE RIDE: Non-Competitive, Fun, Family-Friendly Bike Ride. Riders choose between routes of 11, 21, 30 or 40 miles. **Ride is Saturday, June 16th.** Register now-June 15.

Fitness / Wellness

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



GROUP EXERCISE: So much more than a workout! Reach your goals with like-minded members and instructors who provide support and motivation! Over 60 classes offered weekly. **FREE FOR ALL MEMBERS.**

MASSAGE THERAPY: That's right; the Y offers massage therapy with unbelievable discounts for Y members and very reasonable rates for non-members too!

DIABETES PREVENTION: To help adults at risk of developing type-2 diabetes reduce their risk by taking steps to improve overall health and well-being. Participants work together in a small group, facilitated by a trained lifestyle coach, to achieve the following goals: Reduce weight by 7%. Build up to 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week.

FALL PREVENTION Using the Six-Step Balance System Don't sit back and be a victim. This fun program is proven to reduce the risk of falling by improving your balance! These easy-to-learn steps and practical exercises will help prevent falls and injuries.

Information: 724-981-6950 or svymca.com



Buhl Farm Park

www.buhlfarmpark.com

Visit our website for information on all activities, events and facilities available for the spring and summer.

Summer Youth Program

NOW OPEN to students entering Kindergarten through 8th grade!
NEW TIMES: (Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-3:00 pm)

The Summer Youth Program is a six-week program that combines outdoor active recreation with age appropriate educational components. Instructors concentrate on subjects such as teamwork, safety, physical fitness, environment and the arts.

The program not only offers children outdoor play while learning in a safe controlled outdoor environment, it provides them the opportunity to meet children from different school districts. Pre-registration is required.

ONLINE registration NOW OPEN! www.buhlfarmpark.com/SYP



Buhl Park Community Pool Pass/Wellness Pass Pool Opens June 1, 2018

- Family Pass \$50.00 – Includes 2 Adults & Children in the same household thru high school
- Adult Pass \$40.00 – 18 Years of age and above
- Senior Pass \$30.00 – 65 Years of age or above
- Youth Pass \$25.00 – Ages 5 thru Grade 12
- Wellness Pass \$30.00 – Mornings Only
- Family Pass W/Wellness Pass \$72.50 – Only 1 Adult for Wellness
- Adult Pass W/Wellness Pass \$62.50
- Senior Pass W/Wellness Pass \$52.50



Proof of Hermitage residency required. Cash, Check (payable to Buhl Corporation), or Credit Card accepted.



Summer Concert Series

Community Library of the Shenango Valley

Free downloadable books and more to borrow for Kindles, Nooks, iPads, computers, and phones. No late fees – items are borrowed for two weeks and automatically expire from your device.



Make-A-Thon for All Ages Saturday, May 5 • 12-4 pm

Friends of the Library Book Sale

May 23-26



Libraries Rock Summer Reading

Begins June 11

Something for Everyone!

- Children can read 5 books each week or ½ hour each day to earn prizes and coupons!
- Teens and Adults can read for chances to win baskets!

Free Programs

• Story Hour	• Music & Movement
• Lego Club	• Funtime Fridays
• Read to a Therapy Dog	• Family Movie Night
• Anime Club	• Computer Classes
• Knit, Crochet, & More	• Chess Club
• Fine Arts Painting	• Adulting 101
	• Monthly Movie Night
	• Color Me Calm
	• Book Clubs
	• Gaming Night
	• Teen Movies
	• Trivia Night
	• Great Issues
	• Adult Crafts
	• Pennwriters

Information: 724-981-4360 or www.clsv.net

Get Up, Get Moving, Get Stronger, Live Longer!
It's time to gear up for

Mercer County Senior Games

June 4 – June 16, 2018

Open to people 50 and older

Join us for two weeks of friendly competition. Come for one event or come for all the events! Come to play or come to watch! Mercer County Senior Games is a social and recreational, yet competitive, experience promoting better health and fitness of Mercer County men and women age 50 and older. The Games provide an opportunity for individual achievement in an atmosphere of friendly competition and fun. Senior Games events are held at various locations throughout Mercer County. Any Mercer County resident, 50 years of age or older may participate. Non-residents ages 50 or older that are members of a sponsor, co-sponsor, or contributing senior group also may participate. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals are awarded to the top three winners in each event. Most events are based on age groups and gender.

- Horseshoes • Shuffleboard • Bowling
- Corn Hole • Golf • Baseball Darts • Ping Pong
- Pickleball • Tennis • Basketball • Track & Field

For more information and registration, contact
MCAAA, Inc., Administrative Office at 1-800-570-6222
or 724-662-6222, or e-mail admin@mercercountyaging.org

25th Hermitage Fraternal Order of Police

4-Person Golf Scramble

Saturday, June 2, 2018

Shotgun start at 8:00 am

Tam O'Shanter Golf Course • \$300/team, \$75/person

1st Place:\$1000
2nd Place:\$500
3rd Place:\$300
4th Place:\$200
5th Place:\$100



No Refunds. Entry Fee Must Accompany Entry.

Complete form with check payable to: Hermitage F.O.P. #82

Mail to: Hermitage F.O.P. Attn: Golf Scramble

800 N. Hermitage Road Hermitage, PA 16148

Registration deadline: May 15, 2018

Team Captain's Name _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

Hermitage
2030

We need
your ideas!

Hermitage2030: A Comprehensive Plan Update

City is seeking public input through online survey

The City of Hermitage has launched an online survey as part of an outreach effort to involve the public in the first update of the City's comprehensive plan since 1993. If you live or work in Hermitage, or just come to visit or shop, the City wants to hear from you! Take the 10-minute survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/hermitage2030> or find the link on the City's website, www.hermitage.net.

You may also visit the project website (www.hermitage2030.com) and leave a comment. Post your comments on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter using the #Hermitage2030. Fill out an online survey. Pick a method that works best for you and make sure your family, friends and neighbors do too.

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City of Hermitage Board of Commissioners and City Treasurer

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

The Ernie Laslow Bluebird Trail . . .

Ninety-six year old World War II veteran Ernie Laslow is a carpenter and bluebird enthusiast. Recently, he installed a bluebird trail at LindenPointe with bluebird houses that he built. He plans on monitoring the houses during his daily walks at LindenPointe.

Eastern bluebird numbers were in decline for many years,

but they have begun making a significant comeback. Ernie has noticed increasing numbers of bluebirds at LindenPointe and is hoping to attract more and provide adequate nesting sites.

There are currently 15 numbered bluebird houses throughout LindenPointe. An education placard is being planned to provide walkers with information about the eastern bluebird.



We wish to thank Ernie Laslow for his contributions to the park.



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