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Summer 2019

HERMITAGE
ARTS
Festival
July 13 & 14, 2019

Saturday
Fireworks
9:30 pm

Spotlight Business

Hermitage Agway • PAGE 2



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spotlight business



Hermitage Agway is home to hundreds of farm, home, pet, and garden items

Contributed by Dick Davis

"Your lawn, garden, and pet place" isn't merely an advertising jingle for Hermitage Agway, it happens to be true. Visit its bustling store at 4065 East State Street and you see the validity of that jingle.

Walk indoors and outdoors among Agway's countless displays and items and you get the feeling that if the store doesn't stock it, you probably don't need it. From grass seed, fertilizer and mulch, to decorative flags, bird food, pet food, and even fish for home aquariums, Hermitage Agway seemingly has enough items to supply the tri-state area.

"We do our best to keep our customers happy," says Steve Lengel, owner since 1991. "There is a lot more competition than years ago so we've expanded and really focus on customer service."

Spend a little time in the store around Steve and you think he may be triplets. Steve is the epitome of a hands-on owner, be it

answering product questions, talking with customers while loading purchases into their vehicles, or keeping an eye on his baby granddaughter. Knowledge learned while growing up on a family farm in the Mercer/Grove City area as well as 28 years as owner is used every day.

Steve, age 61, is a longtime avid runner and has Hermitage Agway involved with sponsorship of numerous 5K road races and Little League games in Hermitage and Sharpsville as well as participation in the Hermitage Holiday Light Parade. Steve's creativity with computerized lights for hay wagons and garden carts earned parade awards the last several years.

Items for the home such as flags, coffee mugs, decorative mats and banners are also available. Refills for propane tanks, PH testing for soil and aquarium water, and dog licenses add to the array of Agway services in its

4,000 sq. ft. showroom, its 3,200 sq. ft. warehouse and its 4,000 sq. ft. outdoor storage area.



Animals housed indoors and for purchase include rabbits, ferrets, hamsters, guinea pigs, pet rats, and a few reptiles. Supplies for feeding and caring for them are close by in the aisles.

Cats are offered for \$95 through a "Cats for Adoption" program operated by Animal Appeal. Animal Appeal is an all breed cat and dog rescue & adoption organization serving Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio.

No need to be concerned with the recent overabundance of rain: the ability of Steve and his employees to coexist well with those animals and hundreds of items can keep things afloat.



Steve Lengel with his vintage 1942 Allis-Chalmers tractor. Steve uses it around the business.



U.S. flag of rough-cut pine made by Steve Lengel, his daughter Kelsey Stiitt, and Carrie Prinkie.

Hermitage Agway

4065 E. State St., Hermitage, PA 16148
724-347-3031

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
& Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursday – 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

www.hermitageagway.com



July 13 & 14

All Free & Open to the Public

Saturday, July 13 • Noon - 9:00 pm, fireworks 9:30 pm

Sunday, July 14 • Noon - 5:00 pm

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

Entertainment

Saturday, July 13

Noon - 1:30 pm • **Steve Vuich and the River Saints**

2:00-3:30 pm • **2nd Avenue Project**

4:00-5:00 pm • **Sound Byte**

5:30 - 6:30 pm • **Basement Band**

7:00 - 8:30 pm • **Blue Fish Band**

Sunday, July 14

Noon - 1:30 pm • **Steel Drum Band**

2:00 - 3:30 pm • **Buhl Community Band**

4:00 - 5:00 pm • **Gordon James**

Children's Activities

Saturday, July 13, 2018



Children's Crafts

Courtesy of the Home Depot, Hermitage

Demonstrations

Susan Dexter – Weaving (Sat.)

Sunday, July 14, 2019

1 pm • **"Pet Fest" Costume Contest**

Theme: Doga-saurus

Registration begins at Noon

The Funny Balloon Guy

On-going both Days

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

Food Vendors

The Alternative Food Truck – Burgers, Hot Dogs, Pulled Pork, Lamb, Fresh Cut Fries, Meatball/Hot Sausage Sandwiches

Sharon Wrestlers – Elephant Ears, Shaved Ice, Pop, Fries, Water, Cotton Candy

Rollin' Smoke – Smoked Ribs/ Brisket, Fresh coleslaw and more

Haitian Sensation – Chicken, Rice & Beans, Macaroni & Cheese

Participating Artists AT THE TIME OF NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

Bob & Dorothy Burchett – New Castle, PA –

Toy boats, poppers, bird houses, small wooden plaques, self-authored book, one-handed book holders.

Carol Moyer (Carol's Gourds & Crafts) Hadley,

PA – Hand painted gourds-bird houses, bowls, vases. Hand woven rugs and tote bags.

Chad Armour (Christine Sand Art) Cower Durrell, PA – Children's activity, creating mini aquariums using sand and glass bottles.

Denise Corone (The Alpaca Lady) Greenville, PA – Alpaca sock capes, fingerless gloves, stuffed teddy bears.

Cassandra Jewel (Jewel's Jewels) Grove City, PA – Faux leather earrings, wooden signs, crochet animals, crochet potholders, towels, clothes, and face painting.

Wendy Cerny (JW Gems) Sharpsville, PA – One of a kind handmade jewelry using leather and various metals and stones.

Lori Cervi (Lori's Embroidery) Ligonier, PA – Embroiders hats, shirts, blankets, towels, toilet paper, bags, sweatshirts, etc.

Maria Lait (ML Beach Gems) Hermitage, PA – Beach glass and semi-precious gemstone jewelry hand wrapped in sterling silver.

Patti Chisholm (Another Stitch in Time) Slippery Rock, PA – One of a kind fabric dolls including, mermaids, pirates and sea creatures, using new and vintage textiles.

Rhonda Cocain – Sharpsville, PA – Glass flowers and bird feeders.

Richard (Duke) Sposito – Farrell, PA – Carved and tooled leather items such as pictures and covers for toilet paper.

Debbie Kosika (Sol Crystal Jewlery) – Custom made Swarovski crystal jewelry.

Sarah Kudelko – Hermitage, PA – Swarovski crystal jewelry to raise money for American Cancer Society.

Tamalia Davis – Farrell, PA 16121 – Functional pottery, such as, bowls, cups, and flower pots.

T. Sue Paul – Hermitage, PA – Glassware assortment forming flowers to enhance gardens and flower beds. Glassware birdbaths are also available.

Neha Shulka (Unique Eyebrow) Hermitage, PA

–Temporary (Henna) tattoos, last only one week.

Bill and Julia Metz (Wood Docs, LLC)

Monaca, PA –Wine bottle bird feeders, beer bottle bird feeders, wooden wind spinners, mixed end grain cutting boards, 3D wooden puzzles.

Hank and Bonnie Rafferty (Rafferty's Renderings) Union City, PA – Woodcarvings of wildlife and outdoor pieces of art.

Cathryn Stranahan (Ravenmaid Creative)

Union City, PA – Original 2D and 3D acrylic paintings, hand painted ornaments, miscellaneous drawings, collages, and prints. Hemp jewelry, art journals and decorations.

Stacey Squatrito (Stacey's Dolly Boutique) Hermitage, PA

Dennis Varner (4 Ever Rings) Vienna, OH – Name engraved rings.

Linda Wander (The Knotted Wand) Pittsburgh, PA – Semi-precious gemstone jewelry, handmade for men and women. Harry Potter inspired jewelry, handmade for kids. Rock "hide-a-key" containers.

Cindy and Carrie Downer (Cindy's Sewing Studio & BeDazzledDecals) Tidoute, PA – Embroidered and sewn items, rhinestone decals, embellished shirts.

Lindsey Fiscus – Sharpsville, PA – Customized spill/pour paints.

Ethel Buzzard (The Crafty Buzzard)

Jamestown, PA – Hand painted glass and wood pieces, including vases, wine glasses, salt and pepper shakers, oil bottles, wood boxes, plaques.

Dana Sines (Dana's Creations) Mercer, PA – Hooded bath towels, washcloths, and hand towel animals, soap creations and bath fizzies.

Gil Peters-Thorman – Sharon, PA – Photography
Stacey Keating (Stella's Sundries) Hermitage, PA –Natural handmade soaps

Chandler Beatty – West Middlesex, PA – Wildlife paintings

Non-Profit Organizations

Heart Therapeutic Riding – Transfer, PA – Crafts, horse pictures, tickets for a raffle.

Hermitage Kiwanis & Tails of Hope –

Hermitage, PA – Crafts for children, by Kiwanis



5K Run/2 Mile Walk

Sunday, July 14

800 N. Hermitage Rd. • Rodney White Olympic Park

Registration: 7:30 a.m. • Race begins at 8:30 a.m.

Race Day Entry Form:

Fill out and bring on race day.

New this year.
Breakfast after
the race!



Name _____

Age _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Registration includes: entry into the event, event-t-shirt, goodie bag, timing chip and breakfast buffet.

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

_____ \$30 Day of race fee (shirt not guaranteed on race day)

T-Shirt Size S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Breakfast Buffet (for nonparticipants):

_____ Adult Non-Participant (\$10) _____ Child Non-Participant (\$6)

Make checks payable to: **YMCA**

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

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



Pet Fest 2019

Costume Contest

Theme: Dogasaurus

Cats & Dogs under 40 lbs.

Sunday, July 14

1:00 p.m.

**Prizes will be awarded for the
Top 3 Dogs and Proudest Owner!**

Registration begins at Noon



Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name & Type of Pet(s): _____

Costume Description: _____

Completed forms can be mailed to:

Beth Griffin, 800 N. Hermitage Road, Hermitage, PA 16148

or emailed to: bgriffin@hermitage.net

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

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.**



Grass mowed to a height of about 3 inches will be healthier and require less - or no - fertilizer, weed killers and pesticides.

It will also be better able to reduce stormwater runoff and filter pollutants.

Hermitage Parks & Rec Programs

Adult Kickball



Starting July 15

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

Go to hermitage.net, click on Parks & Rec to find a YouTube 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 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., or 9 p.m. under the lights. Each team will have a double header.

Location:

Hermitage Athletic Complex
750 North Darby Road

Register:

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

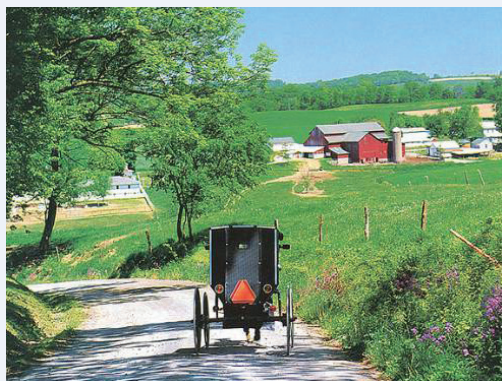
2019 Fall Baseball League



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

Hermitage Parks & Rec Bus Trip Amish Country, Holmes County, Berlin, OH

Saturday, September 28, 2019



Stops in Berlin and Walnut Creek to explore and shop.

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

Time: Leave Hermitage Municipal Building @ 7:30 a.m. Return around 7:30 p.m.

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

Deadline to Register: Sept. 18, 2019

More Information: 724-981-0800

New Virginia Old Home Day

Saturday, August 17

5360 Virginia Rd. • Hermitage

FREE ADMISSION

10:00-12:00

**Car & Jeep Registration (no entry fee)
All Years, Makes, Models**

10:00-5:00

Bouncy House, Slide (\$5 Kids play all day)

10:00	Pet Parade
10:30	Bike Parade
11:00	Kids Cornhole Tournament
12:00	Invocation/Flag Raising
12:10	NVOHD Queen, Princess, Prince, Little Miss & Little Mister
12:30	The 70's Club Music
1:00	Adult Cornhole Tournament
1:30	Live Music by Crows Run
3:30	Car Show Trophys and Chinese Auction Winners
4:00	Music by Crows Run Continues

Join us for a day of fun, food and fellowship!

Buhl Farm Park – Summer 2019



www.buhlfarmpark.com • 724-981-5522



Pool Passes

Season passes can be purchased at the Park Casino, Hermitage, Sharon and Sharpsville municipal buildings. RESERVE the Casino Porch for your Pool Party today!

For more info, call 724-981-5522 or visit www.buhlfarmpark.com


Buhl Park's
MOVIES
UNDER THE STARS
MOVIES BEGIN AT DUSK

JUNE 21ST @ THE POOL JULY 19TH @ THE OUTDOOR STAGE JUNE 21ST @ THE OUTDOOR STAGE

MOVIES ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
 CONCESSION STAND AVAILABLE
 HOT DOGS, CHIPS, DRINKS, POPCORN

Upcoming Events:

JULY

- July 13 – **Adult & Child Golf Classic**
Buhl Park Golf Course
- July 19 – **"Movie Under the Stars"**

AUGUST

- August 16 – **"Movie Under the Stars"**
- August 18 – **BBQ Picnic in the Park**
In conjunction with our Summer Concert Series.

SEPTEMBER

- September 2 – **Buhl Half Marathon & 5K** on Buhl Day
- September 11 – **Ladies Tee Off for Buhl**

Facility Rentals:

Buhl Park offers a variety of indoor and



outdoor facilities that are available to rent all year long. Four shelters, the Casino, the Activities Building, and The First Tee Building all have unique character and qualities. Each facility offers different scenery throughout the Park. Weddings, receptions, showers, birthday parties, graduation parties, conferences, family gatherings and more!

Book your event today!



Summer Concert Series

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

Wednesday, July 10	Randy Velez	<i>The Rich Little of Music</i>
Sunday, July 14	The Four Kings & Queen	<i>Funk, Rock, R&B, Motown & Jazz</i>
Wednesday, July 17	FX Project	<i>Blues, Rock & more</i>
Sunday, July 21	Wranger Band	<i>Country, Classic and Classic Rock</i>
Wednesday, July 24	Re-Issue Band	<i>Roots, Rock & Americana</i>
Sunday, July 28	John Reese Project	<i>Jazz Standards, R&B, Motown</i>
Wednesday, July 31	Jim Frank Combo	<i>Polka, Swing, Latin & more</i>
Sunday, Aug. 4	The Dorals	<i>Oldies & Motown</i>
Wednesday, Aug. 7	Youngstown Community Band	<i>Variety of Concert Band Tunes</i>
Sunday, Aug. 11	Makin' Changes	<i>Sixties, Oldies & more</i>
Wednesday, Aug. 14	Del Sinchak Big Band	<i>Energetic Polka Music</i>
Sunday, Aug. 18	The Sensations	<i>Rock & Roll Oldies</i>
Wednesday, Aug. 21	River Saints	<i>Blues, Rock, Soul, Country & more</i>
Sunday, Aug. 25	Pipe Dreams	<i>A Tribute to the 60's</i>

Shenango Valley YMCA Events & Programs

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

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



Youth Programs:

• FLAG FOOTBALL

Co-ed competitive league for ages 5-12
(separated into age divisions)
NFL Flag affiliated program
Season starts in September
Register now – August 19th

• FALL SOCCER

Co-ed instructional league for ages 3-13
Season starts in August
Register now – August 12th

Fitness/Wellness:

- **BUDDY UP PROGRAM:** Join the Y with a buddy and you both can save up to 20% off the monthly fee. For complete details and information, contact or visit the YMCA.
- **SILVER SNEAKERS AND SILVER & FIT:** Our YMCA participates with both of these great programs. Through your health insurance, you may qualify for a

free membership to our Y. If you are unsure, call or stop in and we can check your eligibility and get you started!

• 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
- Huge variety of classes; times, types & intensities for anyone.

• 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 that will 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
- Reduce risk of developing diabetes.



Community Library of the Shenango Valley

www.clsv.net • 724-981-4360

Escape the Extinction, presented by the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. Wednesday, July 10 @ 1 p.m. Ages 5- up.

All about the Moon, presented by Youngstown State University's Planetarium. Wednesday, July 24 @ 1 p.m. Celebrate the 50th anniversary of one giant leap for mankind with us!

Astro-Babies Story Time. Mondays, June 17 - Aug. 12 @ 10:30 a.m. Ages 0-3 and their caregivers.

Story Hour. Tuesdays, June 11 - July 30 @ 10:30 a.m. For children 3-6 and their caregivers. Stories, songs, and a craft. Explore the universe with us!

On My Own Story Hour. Thursdays, June 13 - Aug 1 @ 10:30 a.m. For children 4-6 who are able to attend story time on their own!

Starry Arts & Crafts: STREAM Through the Cosmos. Tuesdays, June 11 - July 30, 12 @ 3 .m. For kids 5– up.

Lego Club & More. Thursdays, June 13 - Aug. 1 @ 1 p.m.

Funtime Fridays. June 7 –Aug. 2 @ 10:30 a.m. For children 0-3 and their caregivers.

Summer Reading

A Universe of Stories

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!



Please call the library for more information on any of our many programs!

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| • Teen Gaming | • Teen Movies | • Book Clubs |
| • Fine Arts Painting | • Knit, Crochet, & More | • Anime |
| • Color Me Calm | • Chess Club | • Teen Art |
| • Read to a Therapy Dog | | |

SHARON BRANCH: Mon.-Thurs. • 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

11 N. Sharpsville Ave., Sharon, PA 16146

CLSV STEY-NEVANT BRANCH: Mon.-Thurs. • 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

1000 Roemer Blvd., Farrell, PA 16121

eCenter Hosts Spring 2019 “College Connector Days”



The eCenter hosted College Connector Days with UPMC on April 10th and First National Bank on April 11th designed for college students to meet and connect with the region’s largest employers. Students from Allegheny College, Penn State Shenango, Slippery Rock University,

Thiel College and Westminster College participated in 3 hour sessions with top executives and recruitment teams from UPMC and FNB. The College Connector is an eCenter program collaborating with the regional colleges producing talent and the businesses eager to hire them.



Hickory High student Cynthia Torrance develops a low-sugar tropical juice drink

Contributed by Dick Davis

It was meant to be one-time lemonade stand to raise funds for her church. But seven-year-old Cynthia Torrance concocted homemade lemonade so tasty that many customers asked for more.

As more people continued to ask for more lemonade, including a family friend with diabetes, Cynthia experimented with recipes for a low-sugar, low-calorie fruit drink.

Four years ago, 11-year-old Cynthia connected with Ketaki Desai, then director of the eCenter@LindenPointe, and Gary Gulla, Hermitage assistant city manager, and was encouraged to sit in on some



eCenter classes and talk with other budding entrepreneurs. Cynthia’s interest and determination grew to develop and sell a juice drink.

Cynthia, now 15, with the help of her parents, the eCenter, and MetaBrand, a New Jersey food and beverage firm, recently introduced her NIU Tropical FlaMingo Drink. NIU means coconut in Hawaiian. An initial production run produced 3,600 bottles. Cynthia says about 1,400 sold in the first week.

“I’m not sure of my future but I know I want to travel the world,” says Cynthia, entering 10th grade in Hickory High School’s gifted program. “If I go to college it probably will be overseas. I don’t want any office job.”

MetaBrand president Craig Fortin enjoys working with Cynthia.

“We did all the formulation work, graphics, packaging and manufacturing as a turn-key,” says Fortin. “We did this project basically at cost to help out a budding entrepreneur. We



Photo by Zion Grant Harper

pick one project every year as essentially ‘pro bono’ work on the help out when we become aware of these type of go-getters with limited resources.”

The NIU drink is available locally at Farrell Golden Dawn, Breakfast at Tiffany’s, in Sharpsville, Hangry’s, in Sharon, Brookfield Drive Thru, and Erie locations of Whole Food Cooperative, Fat Lennys, and Oasis Market. More locations are in the works.

Cynthia is also nearing completion of a blueberry drink. Check her website of www.niubytalls.com for more information.

Summer Accelerator Founders Program



The Summer Accelerator Founders Program is a 10 week program where 10 startup businesses are provided seed funding to develop and validate their business models with a focus on customer discovery. Speakers and coaches from the community mentor and provide feedback to the companies as they move beyond the early stages of getting established.

Participants of the Summer Accelerator Founders Program (L to R): Allana Bell, *By Grace She Will Make It Podcast*; Stephanie Catalino, *FIN Non-Profit*; Kylee Chrastina, *Music Fusion*; Zackary Smigel, *Real Estate Wizard*; Cynthia Torrence (Community Participant), *NIU*; Jake Morgan, *Beards Unlimited*; A.J Hammond, *Scouted.gg*; Ali Izzo, *Purpose Therapy Box*; Holly Masters, *Purpose Therapy Box*. (missing from the photo: Dubs Walker, *Animator*, and Gabby Cataloni, *Sole Armor*)

Summer Accelerator Businesses Hickory High School Alumni

Real Estate License Wizard is my effort to simplify studying for the real estate license exam. The website has free practice exams, online courses, and tons of resources to help people prepare themselves for the real estate exam. "The accelerator has been fantastic. Everyone at the business incubator is amazing. I am super excited to see what the future holds!"

Zachary Smigel, Founder, Course Director

- Hickory High School '15
- Youngstown State
- <https://realestatelicensewizard.com/>

Scouted.gg is an all-in-one esports recruitment hub that allows high school esports players to be easily discovered by collegiate esports coaches. "The eAcademy Summer Accelerator is an amazing opportunity to grow my business with all of their invaluable resources and help at my

disposal, and I get to fuel my passion for e.sports while doing it."

A.J. Hammond, Founder, Scouted.gg

- Hickory High School '18
- Mount Union '22
- <http://scouted.gg/>

Purpose Therapy Box

is celebrating one year of reconnecting families with their older loved ones through our subscription boxes, as well as helping seniors in need across the nation! "The Summer Accelerator Program at the eCenter@LindenPointe has been helpful



in the process of expanding our company, rolling into our second year in business."

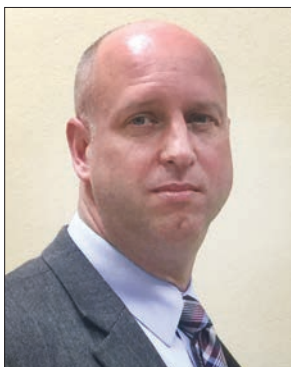
Ali Izzo, Co-Founder, Purpose Therapy Box

- Hickory High School '15
- Penn State '19
- purposetherapybox.com



From the Chief of Police

Eric Jewell, *City of Hermitage Chief of Police*



Crime Prevention:

Skimmers are card readers that steal data from debit and credit cards. Criminals typically

attach skimmers to ATMs or gas pumps to maliciously take your card information stored on the magnetic strip. Pilferers then use that information to defraud you online or through cloned cards.

The best way to combat card skimmers is using your common senses. Look at the ATM or gas pump. Does the card reader portion look different than usual or different from other pumps or machines? Does it look like an add on? Pumps and machines should be sealed or locked. Do seals or locks look broken or tampered with? Are there pry marks or visible damage to the machine or pump?

Is the card reader loose? If it wiggles, beware. Crooks can place card readers directly on top of the legitimate card reader, which should be tightly attached. Normal pump or teller machine card readers allow for easy insertion of the card. If the card is hard to push in, beware. Criminals tend to target older gas pumps and pumps on outside islands farthest away from an attendant or surveillance camera.

In addition to skimmers, thieves use pinhole cameras hidden on or very near ATMs to get personal identification numbers (PIN), so cover the keypad when typing your PIN. Thieves will target a lot of non-bank ATMs at locations like convenience stores and clubs due to less security in or around them. However, bank ATMs are still targeted with skimmers because these machines are used frequently which means more profit for crooks.

If you suspect a pump or ATM has a skimmer, don't use it. Tell management

and call police. If you are not sure, pay inside or use another ATM. Thieves can place skimmers secretly inside the pump or machine and the card holder would never know. That said, use a credit card (the bank's money) over a debit card (your money) as you may be protected by a credit card's zero liability policy. If you believe your card may have been skimmed, contact your bank or credit card company and have a fraud alert put on the account.

Basic Trailer Safety—Do you know:

Utility trailers sure come in handy for hauling the riding mower, transporting lumber from the hardware store or moving large furniture just to name a few. For those residents who own or tow small utility trailers there are applicable laws/regulations for safety that you are required to follow. Some of the basics are as follows:

1. All trailers must be registered and display a license plate.
2. All trailers must have working tail lamps, brake lights and turn signals.
3. All trailers must be in safe operating condition with no ragged or sharp edges or damaged portions that can be hazardous.
4. Ball or pintle hitches must be secured with a safety pin.
5. All trailers must have crossed safety chains (from the trailer to the towing vehicle).
6. Follow trailer capacity or data plate guidelines for load weights. Do not exceed the gross vehicle weight rating. In other words, don't overload your trailer.
7. Ensure your load is properly secured (with tie-down straps, chains, tarps, etc.).
8. Have good tires that can handle the weight.

For residents towing larger utility or landscape trailers or single car-haulers (both usually have tandem or dual axles) the following additional rules apply:

1. Any trailer weighing 3,001 pounds or more must be inspected annually

and display a valid PA state inspection sticker.

2. Trailers over 3000 pounds must have working service brakes and a break-away system (cable) to activate the brakes if the trailer becomes disconnected from the towed vehicle.

Of course even larger/heavier trailers will have additional and more complex regulations. After you hitch up, do a pre-trip inspection or walk-around to make sure your trailer is safe for the road. For questions about trailers and the law, please contact Hermitage Police Traffic Safety and Enforcement Officer John Kudelko at jkudelko@hermitage.net or 724-983-6780.



Get to Know...

Officer Barry Wilson is a six year veteran of the Hermitage Police Department (HPD). He joined HPD shortly after completing Mercyhurst College Municipal Police Training Academy in 2012. Prior to the police academy, Officer Wilson graduated from Gannon University in 2011 with bachelor of arts degree. He majored in criminal justice, minored in juvenile justice and corrections and served an internship with Erie County Adult Probation.

Officer Wilson, who is assigned to the Patrol Division, has advanced training in crisis intervention and is a field training officer. He aspires to move into a supervisory position and on to management. Originally from Elk County, Officer Wilson enjoys traveling with his family, hunting, the outdoors and exercising.

From the Desk of Treasurer

Bernie Harry, *City Treasurer*

I'd like to remind everyone that the **School Real Estate** bills and the **Per Capita** bills will be mailed on August 1, 2019. We are happy to inform you that the School taxes will remain the same in 2019 as they were in 2018! **It is your responsibility to notify the Tax Office in the event you do not receive them.**

Per Capita is a head tax, waged on every resident over the age of 18 and this year remains at \$35.00. **All residents are responsible for this tax and are expected to notify the tax office in the event they do not receive one.** Likewise when moving from Hermitage, you are also to notify the tax office

to have your name removed from our tax rolls. There are exemptions (based on income from all sources) available to those who qualify. If your income is \$5,000.00 or less annually, you may be exonerated from the entire per capita bill. If your income is between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00, you may only be required to pay a portion of that bill. Upon receipt of your Per Capita bill, all proof of income must be brought into our office, and a form filled out and signed by the person to be exempt. This process must be followed each year.

The **Homestead/Farmstead Act** offers 3 payments to satisfy the School tax amount

owed. By choosing this option, you lose the 2% discount. Certain rules apply to these payments and they are explained on your tax bill, starting with the AUG. 31st, deadline for the first payment. **Please remember that all homestead approved properties must be owner-occupied. This means that the name**



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Hermitage Recycling, Yard Waste, Garbage



Blue Lid = RECYCLING

Acceptable Materials:

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



IMPORTANT CHANGES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1st



- Place all items loose in cart.
- Empty and rinse out all metal and plastic containers.
- Flatten all boxes and cardboard.
- **DO NOT put newspapers and magazines in plastic bags.**
- **PLASTIC BAGS and GLASS are no longer accepted for recycling. PLACE THESE IN BROWN LID CART.**



Green Lid = YARD WASTE

Acceptable Materials:

- Leaves, grass clippings, plants and flowers, roots, sawdust, shrubbery and clippings, branches, tree limbs under 3 inches in diameter, brush up to 3 feet in length
- Lie cart down, rake leaves and grass into open top.
- Biodegradable bags (unlimited) may be used for yard waste outside of cart.
- Cut branches to fit in the cart with the lid closed.
- Remove soil from root systems.
- **DO NOT use plastic bags.**



Brown Lid = GARBAGE

Acceptable Materials:

- Everything that cannot be recycled in your blue or green lid carts.
- Bag all garbage before placing it into the cart.
- Make sure the lid of the cart can close.
- **DO NOT dispose of hazardous, infectious, or toxic household wastes in garbage cart.**

PLEASE RETRIEVE YOUR CARTS BY THE END OF YOUR COLLECTION DAY.

Fall Bulk Trash Collection Days: Week of September 16. Place bulk items out the night before your regular trash collection day.

Electronics can still be taken to the City Garage on Virginia Road from 7 a.m. to noon on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. Starting August 1, 2019, a \$10 electronics tag must be purchased at the Hermitage City Building or thru TCI for each item.

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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)

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on the deed must match the name of the person or persons who live in that house. You can only receive the credit on one parcel. The 2019 Homestead/Farmstead allowance to all approved home-owner parcels, will be \$103.15, which comes off your original School tax amount due. Anyone who receives the homestead credit and does not qualify, is required by law to notify their tax collector of the necessary correction. Also if there is any change to your deed, through selling or simply a name deletion or change, the Homestead will not automatically follow. You will need to re-apply. Forms are available on the County website as well as in our office, for your convenience.

County/City taxes will be due at the penalty amount as of July 1st.

You still have time for the property tax rebate if you qualify, since once again it has been extended to December 31, 2019. We have forms in the office, should you need one.

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

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