



Spotlight Business

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Best Life Boutique Offers a Vast Selection of Women's Apparel And Accessories In Hermitage Square

Contributed by Dick Davis



The Pedicini family: From left, Krissy, Lydia, Max, and Doug.

The Best Life Boutique

Hermitage Square,
next to The Verizon Store
3366 E. State St.
Hermitage, PA 16148
724-979-1229

Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 12 p.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Closed Sunday and Monday

www.thebestlifeboutique.com

Also on Facebook, Instagram,
and an App is also available.

Serendipity is an unplanned fortunate discovery. The Best Life Boutique in Hermitage Square came about in a serendipitous moment in the lives of owners Doug and Kristen "Krissy" Pedicini.

"If you would have told me five years ago that I would have my own clothing boutique, I would've probably laughed at you," says Krissy. "But truthfully, this shop was born out of a desire to serve the community. Our area has been lacking in a variety of shopping experiences for women."

"We saw a need for a quality clothing store, with unique pieces, a range of sizes (we

carry sizes S-3X), and styles that were budget friendly. It was our goal to create a space for women to walk into and feel peaceful and comfortable."

Krissy earned a Psy. D. in Clinical Psychology from Regent University in Virginia Beach, VA., an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Gannon University, and is a 1994 graduate of Kennedy Christian High School. Doug has more than a decade of sales experience combined with wood working and design skills; he built several boutique cabinets from wood originally in their Hermitage home.

As Krissy was struggling with a business name, a prayerful, serendipitous instant brought her "Best Life Boutique."

Children Lydia, 14, and Max, 12, help out in the 3,000 sq. ft. boutique. Budding entrepreneur Lydia started a cell phone case business during the Covid-19 lockdown. Her colorful, branded "Angelic Cases" are available in the boutique and Etsy.

"This business is about so much more than selling clothes," Krissy adds. "We have cried with customers, prayed with them, helped them find outfits for special occasions and tough occasions. Our long-term ties to this community have us invested in not just having a prosperous business but also to love on the people."



July 31 & August 1

All Free & Open to the Public

Saturday, July 31 • Noon - 9:00 pm, fireworks 9:30 pm

Sunday, August • 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

Entertainment

Saturday, July 31

Noon - 1:30 p.m. • **Bellhouse**

2:00-3:30 p.m. • **The Reflectors**

4:00-5:30 p.m. • **Steve Vuich**

6:30 - 9:00 p.m. • **Menagerie**

Sunday, August 1

11:00am - 12:30 p.m. • **FX Project**

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. • **2nd Avenue Project**

Children's Activities

Saturday, July 31, 2021

12:00-4:00 p.m. • **Chalk on the Walk**



12:00-6:00 p.m. • **OH WOW's Mr. Ralf**

Bounce House

Sponsored by Family Life Church

4:00-7:00 p.m. • **Rock Climbing Wall**

Mike The Balloon Guy

Sunday, August 1, 2021

1:00 p.m. • **City of Hermitage**

Recognition Ceremony

2:00 p.m. • **"Pet Fest" Costume Contest**

Theme: Summer

Registration begins at Noon

Mike The Balloon Guy

Food Vendors

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

HHS Cheerleaders – Dippin' Dots

Miss Elaineous Dance Studio – Walking tacos, pepperoni rolls, water, gatorade

Mosses Ears & More – Elephant ears, shaved ice, cotton candy, fresh cut fries

Rita's Italian Ice & Custard – Italian ice, misto shakes, cookie custard sandwiches, pretzels

Shenango Valley Animal Shelter – Hot dogs

Smoky Martin's BBQ – Pork & brisket sandwiches, BBQ ribs, loaded potato fries

Participating Artists AT THE TIME OF NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

Animal Protection League of Western PA – Candy bars, dog and cat accessories.

Leah Bortz (Made & Found Linens) Wexford, PA – Quilted décor, home goods, baby & little's, and vintage linens.

Jennifer Neider (Jenny Neider Photography) – Hermitage, PA – Wildlife photography.

David Varner (4 Ever Rings) – Vienna, OH – Stainless steel stamped rings.

Carol Moyer (Carol's Gourds & Crafts) – Hadley, PA – Birdhouses, bowls, hand woven rugs and purses.

Francis Picciotto & Monica Herrera Graces (Anibal Coffee) – Pittsburgh, PA – Featuring Columbian farmers from local Columbian growers.

Melanie Broadwater (Suds & Cedar) – Transfer, PA – Handmade soap and body products.

Bill Hauger – Hand turned wood products.

Debbie Brooks (Infull Bloom Designs!) – Kinsman, OH – Silk scarves, purses, jewelry.

Bethany Krystek – Hermitage, PA – Beaded jewelry, crocheted accessories and toys.

Sandy Garcia (Sandy Store Crafts) – Hermitage, PA – Beaded and hemp items for the home.

Denise Carone (Green Acres Alpacas) – Greenville, PA – Alpaca socks, hats, gloves, teddy bears, sweaters, etc.

Judy Rorabaugh – Hermitage, PA – Handmade dog bandanas, blankets, pillows, wine gift bags.

Sam Beneviat (MB's Gems & More) – Sharon, PA – Rare and exotic gemstone jewelry, paintings on slate, hand tied fish flies.

Darla Rogers (Pease Pots) – Hermitage, PA – Handmade functional wheel turned pottery.

Wendy Mosbacher (Designs in Polymer Clay) – Meadville, PA – Weird and whimsical pieces of art.

William Wike – Brookfield, OH – Decorative and unique wood products.

Amy Moore (Spirit Seeker Designs) – Canfield, OH – Handcrafted natural crystal gemstone bead jewelry.

Julia Metz (Silver Frog, LLC.) – Monaca, PA – Handmade beaded jewelry items.

Bill Metz (Wood Docs, LLC.) – Monaca, PA – Mixed hardwood cutting boards, wine and beer bottle bird feeders, 3D wooden puzzles.

Mandie Uzarski – New Castle, PA – Crocheted items such as coasters, pot holders, hot plates, etc.

Tracy Jones & Lee Harris – Hermitage, PA – Dreamcatchers, handmade jewelry.

Jacob Morgan (Brohana Products) – Sharon, PA – Laser engraved wood, metal tumblers, artisan skin and hair products for men.

Gayle Robbins – Beaver Falls, PA – Sewn fabric items, including purses, wallets, wristlets, etc.

Marlene Sikera Pulaski, PA – Christian artwork featured on greeting cards, prints, candles.

Andie Paraday – New Castle, PA – A collection of fiber based pieces inspired by animals, food and plants.

Nadia Bailey – Hermitage, PA – Mini canvas paintings, drawings.

Chandler Beatty – West Middlesex, PA – Wildlife paintings.

Stacey Squatrito (Stacey's Dolly Boutique) – Hermitage, PA – Handmade designed doll clothing.

Kathy Hazen – Lazer carved wood crosses, wreaths, baby hooded towels, etc.

Marjorie Zampogna (ohyousillygoose!) – Hermitage, PA – Upcycled clothing, home décor.

Cathryn Stranahan (Ravenmaid Creative) – Union City, PA – Original 2D and 3D acrylic paintings, hand painted ornaments, hemp jewelry, etc.

Stacey Keating (Stella's Sundries) – Hermitage, PA – Natural homemade soaps.

Craig Welch – Sharpsville, PA – Horseshoe Wine racks.

Savanna Welch – Sharpsville, PA – Earrings, keychains.

Fireworks Contributing Sponsor:





5K Run/2 Mile Walk

Sunday, August 1

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.



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 2021

Costume Contest

Theme: Summer

Cats & Dogs under 40 lbs.

Sunday, August 1

2:00 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.

For Office Use Only

Age/Grade _____

Entry# _____



Chalk on the Walk

Art Contest for Children

Children can create a work of art using chalk on the sidewalk! (chalk will be provided)

Saturday, July 31, 2021

on the grounds of the Hermitage Arts Festival

Noon - 4:00 pm

(must be registered by 2:00 pm)

**FREE TO ENTER • PRIZES
OVERALL WINNER IN EACH DIVISION**

**Divisions: Age 6 & Under, Grades 2-4,
Grades 5-8, Grades 9-12, Ages 18+**



Name (required): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Entry forms can be turned in day of event or to the Municipal Building anytime prior to event.

For more information, contact Mary Ellen at 724-981-0800 or mmckendry@hermitage.net

Winner's art will be photographed and put on display at the Hermitage Municipal Building.

2021 Fall Baseball League



- For players ages 9-15 (next year's Little League age)
- League begins September 12th and runs through October 24th.
- The games are all on Sundays.
- The cost is \$30 per player.
- Information will be available beginning August 1st.



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

Hermitage School District

Hermitage School District Kindergarten

Registration: The Hermitage School District utilizes an online registration process for all incoming students. It is important that all students entering Kindergarten this fall are registered as soon as possible.



The registration information can be found on our Hermitage School

District website: www.hermitage.k12.pa.us.

The following forms must be uploaded during the registration process:

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

Please Note: If you do not have access to a computer, please contact our Central

Administrative Offices at 724-981-8750 ext. 6000 to schedule an appointment. You will need to bring the above documents with you to the appointment in order to complete your child's registration.

Mrs. Amy Wanchisn

Principal
Artman Elementary
Hermitage School District

Buhl Farm Park – Summer 2021

www.buhlfarmpark.com • 724-981-5522



Save The Date: Buhl Is Back!



Monday, September 6th - Buhl Park is proud to announce the return of the one-of-a-kind Buhl Day celebration. It first began, 106 years ago, in 1915 when Buhl Park was formally opened. Local people took the opportunity to honor industrialist Frank H. Buhl and his wife, Julia. Today, local people continue to pay tribute to this historic philanthropist for a park that continues to serve the community. Like that first Buhl Day, the intent of the occasion remains intact and is based on a simple formula that combines food, fun, and fanfare to attract people to the park for the summer's last hurrah. Stayed tuned to Buhl Park's website and facebook page for more event details as they become available.

Buhl Park Golf Course

The Buhl Park Golf Course is the ONLY FREE Golf Course in the United States.

No green fees, no cart fees. All golfers are required to sign in before playing and donations are encouraged! **Golf Course & Driving Range are open daily from dawn to dusk.**

The Driving Range is equipped with a fully automated ball dispenser and balls can be bought with cash or credit card. Range passes are also available.

Small bucket - \$7 • Large Bucket - \$10

For more information on the Golf Course, visit buhlpark.org/golf

Sweet Summertime



We always strive to maintain our grounds and facilities as best as we can, and we are excited to have our tennis courts completely resurfaced! Our tennis courts have been around since the inception of the park in 1915 and are a fundamental element

to this park's existence. We are thrilled to start opening up more of our facilities to the community, especially our pool and boat rentals. Our pool has been a staple in the community for many, many years and offers a diving board, climbing wall, and concession stand. The addition of Snappy's Boat Rentals to our pool area has heightened our aquatics experience and offers a mix of fun, leisure, and healthy opportunities for everyone to enjoy while visiting Buhl Park.

We encourage you to get outside and enjoy the Summer at the Park.

Snappy's Floatin' Boats:



Water sport rentals on our own Lake Julia. Kayaks, Canoes, Paddle Boards & Pedal Boats all available to rent from our **ADA compliant dock & boat launch.** Offering the freedom to

explore the beautiful scenery from a different angle. Reservations are recommended, walk-ins are welcome. 724-718-8485

Open Daily: Mon-Fri (2pm-8pm), Sat-Sun (12pm-8pm)

***Please visit buhlpark.org/boatrentals for information on pricing and weekly specials.**

***Reservations can also be made outside of daily hours of operation.**

Summer Concert Series

Located at the Performing Arts Center Outdoor Stage
Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm • Sundays @ 6:00 pm

Sunday, July 25	Grant Street Exit
Wednesday, July 28	Wrangler Band
Sunday, August 1	Sound Bite
Wednesday, August 4	Pan Tropix
Sunday, August 8	John Reese Project
Wednesday, August 11	Buhl Community Band
Sunday, August 15	BBQ IN THE PARK: Jack Lindey (3:00pm - 4:00pm) The Wake (4:15PM - 5:15pm) • The Sensations (6:00pm)
Wednesday, August 18	Pipe Dreams
Sunday, August 22	The Dorals
Wednesday, August 25	Re Issue
Sunday, August 29	Jukebox Saturday Night: A music review of the great Big Bands during the 1930's, 40's and 50's. A fun filled event for all ages that captures the exciting sounds of great melodies and lyrics performed by an energetic group of instrumentalists and vocalists who will keep you moving in your seats, tapping your toes and clapping your hands.

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

Special Events:

5K RUN / 2 MILE WALK:

Sunday, August 1st in conjunction with the Hermitage Arts Festival. Event is at the Rodney White Olympic Park and Trails. All ages and abilities welcome.

Youth Programs:

FLAG FOOTBALL:

Co-ed competitive league for grades K-8 (separated into divisions based on grade). NFL Flag affiliated program. Season starts in September. Register now – August 30th.

FALL SOCCER:

Co-ed instructional league for ages 3-10. Season starts in September. Register now – August 30th.

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 and intensities for anyone

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.

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



Community Library of the Shenango Valley

www.clsv.net • 724-981-4360

Upcoming Adult Programs at the Library:

Writer's Group: Mondays at 1:30pm

Knit and Crochet: Tuesdays at 12:30pm

Adult DIY: August 17 at 5:45pm. Registration Required

Fine Arts Painting: August 14 & 28 at 10:30am

Book Club: August 26 at 2pm

Gadget Workshop: August 5 & 19 by appointment

Upcoming Children and Teen Programs:

Lego Club: Tuesdays at 4:30pm

Music with Miss Jess: August 6 at 10:30am

Ooey Goey Art: August 13, 20, & 27 at 10:30am

Storytime: August 11, 18, & 25 at 10:30am

Teen DIY: August 24 at 3:30pm

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

HOURS: Mon.-Thurs. • 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

11 N. Sharpsville Ave., Sharon, PA 16146

Hermitage Historical Society

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

OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET • SEPTEMBER 18 (8:00am-3:00pm):

Where: Stewart House (home of the Hermitage Historical Society)

Vendors: \$10/day (setup 7:00am) **Contact:** Rod at 724-877-7996

OPEN TO PUBLIC MEETING • SEPTEMBER 21:

Speaker: Mike Ristvey • **Topic:** Hermitage zip code and post office

IRANIAN HOSTAGE CRISIS PRESENTATION • OCTOBER 17:

49th anniversary of the Iranian Hostage Crisis presentation of the Avenue of 444 Flags by the Flynn family at 1:00pm at the Hermitage Historical Society (open to the public)

OPEN TO PUBLIC MEETING • OCTOBER 19:

Speaker: Cameron Linton • **Topic:** Genealogy

CHRISTMAS TREE TOURS BEGIN

Nov. 27 & 28: 1:00-5:00pm • **Dec. 3:** 5:00-9:00pm • **Dec. 4 & 5:** 1:00-5:00pm

Dec. 10: 5:00-9:00pm • **Dec. 11 & 12:** 1:00-5:00pm

If anyone is interested in submitting Chinese Auction baskets please let us know!

New members are always welcome:

Students=\$5 per year • Adults=\$10 per year

Family=\$25 per year • Lifetime=\$150 once

Stewart house Rentals (showers, weddings, meetings, etc.):

\$150 per 4 hours (no alcohol permitted)

Buhl Community Recreation Center

www.fhbuhlclub.org • 724-981-3700

Buhl Club's Buhl Day 5K

Labor Day, September 6th, 2021

Start Time: 9:00 AM

Starting at PNC Bank on East State Street,
ends at Buhl Park Casino.

Parking at the starting line behind
Hermitage Plaza

Shuttle Bus available to return back to start
after race between 10:15am – 11:00am.

This race offers a challenge over a fast, flat
course, lined with parade/race spectators.
The race begins at PNC Bank on East State
Street and follows the Buhl Day parade route
and ends in Buhl Park in front of the Buhl
Park Casino.

To Register:

[runsignup.com/Race/PA/Hermitage/
HERMITAGEBUHLDAY5K](https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Hermitage/HERMITAGEBUHLDAY5K)

For more information or to become a race sponsor please contact:

Michelle Bower
Director Of Operations
mbower@fhbuhlclub.org
724-981-3700, ext. 108



HERMITAGE GROWERS & ARTISANS MARKET

FRIDAYS • 3-6 PM

NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

740 N Hermitage Rd, Hermitage, PA 16148

Applications available @hermitage.net



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.**



Riparian buffers along rivers and streams are useful for
filtering pesticides, animal waste, and nutrients from
stormwater runoff through both urban and rural settings.
These buffer zones also help to protect the land from stream
erosion and have been known to raise housing prices when
these streams are well-maintained and kept clean!

www.stormwaterpa.org

www.dcnr.pa.gov

Hermitage Recycling, Yard Waste, Garbage

E-Waste Recycling Program

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

Acceptable e-waste includes:

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

Tri-County Recycling Program

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

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

Tire & Appliance Recycling

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

Bulk Cleanup

The second bulk cleanup day is scheduled for the week of **September 27, 2021** (on regular collection day).



FREE PRC's TRAVELING GLASS RECYCLING BIN



Saturday, September 11 – Thursday, September 16
7 a.m. to Sundown

City of Hermitage Fire Station #3 • 541 Mercer Avenue, Hermitage
Across from Morefield Cemetery (Location under video surveillance)

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

Types of Glass Accepted:

All colors of glass bottles, jars and jugs ONLY.
Caps, lids and labels are acceptable • Empty all containers

NOT ACCEPTED:

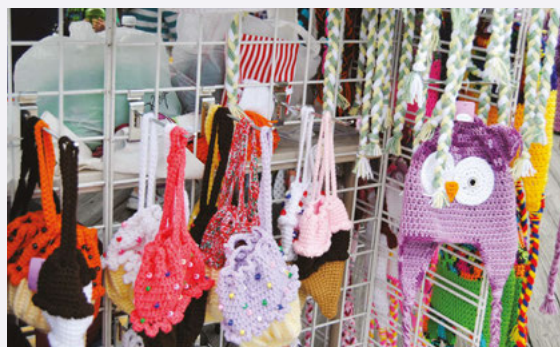
cut glass • glass bakeware • mirrors • porcelain and ceramics
stemware • light bulbs • TVs • all other materials including recyclables

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

Hickory Band Booster Organization presents

Old Hickory Craft Show

Saturday, October 16, 2021 • 9:00am - 3:00pm



at Hickory High School

640 N. Hermitage Road, Rte. 18

Quality handcrafted Items

Over 100 exhibitors

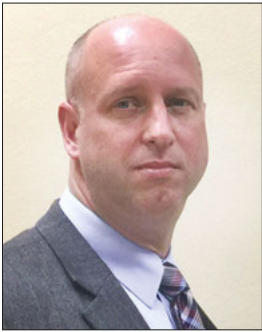
Delicious homemade lunches
(carry-out available)

Chinese Auction

Admission: \$3.00 • FREE PARKING

From the Chief of Police

Eric Jewell, *City of Hermitage Chief of Police*



Community Engagement

Part of improving community relations and building greater trust is getting to know the officers of the Hermitage Police

Department (HPD) and learning what they do and why. HPD is hosting its first ever Citizens Police Academy to introduce residents to various aspects of law enforcement and the criminal justice system as a whole. Attendees will learn interesting facts, see demonstrations and equipment, tour HPD, and meet a variety of HPD officers and members of the local criminal justice system. If you want to gain a better understanding of practical applications of the law, police procedural dynamics or are interested in police work or criminal justice in general or as a career; please apply. The Academy is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 1, 2021; from 5:30 pm to 8pm; and continue every Wednesday through November 3, 2021. There is a simple application/selection process and class size will be limited to approximately 20 attendees. Join us for an interesting, informative and enjoyable time. Please contact Officer Sam Staples, Community Engagement Officer and Citizens Police Academy Director, at ss Staples@hermitage.net or 724-983-6780, Ext. 1766, or Chief Jewell at ejewell@hermitage.net or 724-983-6780, Ext. 1600, for an application or further information.

Summer Traffic Safety: An Overview

Many are out enjoying the warm temperatures, fresh air, sunny skies and open roads. We rely on our roadways to get around from one place to another and transportation of goods but also for recreation or vacation as well. This summer please remember these common sense basics:

1. Follow the rules of the road & drive defensively but courteously



2. Share the road with bicycles
3. Watch for children playing
4. Look twice for motorcycles
5. Wear your seatbelt
6. Watch for slow moving farm vehicles and Amish buggies
7. Watch for pedestrians. Wear bright, highly visible clothing as a pedestrian during the day and bright, reflective apparel at night
8. Slow down in construction zones and watch for highway workers
9. Move over for emergency vehicles
10. Don't drive drunk, drugged, drowsy or distracted (texting, playing loud music, eating, reaching, grooming, etc.)
11. Drive the speed limit or slower if road, traffic or weather conditions necessitate or recommend a reduced speed
12. Don't leave dogs in hot cars for any amount of time

Let's all enjoy the road this summer but enjoy it safely and legally.

Active Attack Mitigation

Tragically, over the past few months the news has been filled with many reports of mass shootings in public and private places. These heinous attacks often happen without warning, and many people are wounded or killed within minutes and usually before law enforcement arrives. Know you have survival options based on your situation to run, hide or fight. If the situation permits, run away. If you cannot run, hide and barricade. If you

cannot run or hide, defend yourself and fight to survive. Call Chief Jewell at 724-983-6780, Extension 1600, if your business or group wants an hour-long, informative presentation on Run, Hide, Fight.

Crime Prevention

Fraudsters are out there very underhandedly trying to steal your money or credit through scam calls, emails, texts, mail and in person. A popular fraud at the moment is stealing your identity so thieves receive unemployment compensation under your name. Do not fall victim to offers that sound too good to be true. Do not let greed cloud your better judgement. Do not let fear persuade you to give in. Do not let the yearning for romance cause you to fall in love with an online prince or princess whose only desire is to steal your money. Do not let high pressure sales force you to make a rash decision before further research on an offer. Do not give out your personal information (Social Security Number, bank account information, credit card information, etc.) to someone you do not know and trust. Do not send money, wire transactions, or provide credit card numbers unless you are absolutely sure your transaction is legitimate. If asked to acquire and pay via a certain gift card number, the transaction is very likely a fraud. Fraudsters will pose as government employees, medical staff, law enforcement or court representatives, utility workers, etc. and will sound legitimate and/or look convincing at first glance. These criminals are smooth talkers, use the right lingo and are really convincing. Always consult with a family member, banker, trusted friend or police if you



From the Chief, continued on page 11

From the Desk of the Treasurer

Bernie Harry, City Treasurer

Hello Everyone. Welcome summer!

We are once again open to the public and continue to also accept payments through the U.S. mail as well as in our convenient drop box next to the City Building.

As a reminder, you may have noticed on your bills, that it reads **separate checks for all bills**. To further explain, you may still combine "like" bills to one check.

For example, **if you have more than one Per Capita bill, they may be combined to one check. The same holds true for multiple County/City bills as well as multiple School bills.** You can no longer combine any of the three to one check. They all have separate accounts and need to be paid with separate checks.

The note on the bills seemed a bit confusing at first, but we want to thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Per Capita bills will be mailed on August 1st and are due at the discount amount from August 1st through September 30th. October

1st through November 30th is the face period and December 1st through December 31st. they are due at penalty. As of January 1st, 2022, all unpaid Per Capita bills will be turned over to Sharp Collections.

The school board has decided to approve a resolution for 2021 School Taxes ONLY, decreasing the penalty to 0% on all School taxes paid through December 31st, 2021. The discount period remains the same -August 1st through September 30th.

This will also apply to the payment plan for your School Taxes, but keep in mind that you must make the first payment by August 31st to be eligible for this plan.

Please bring in both sections of your bills if you are needing a receipt. If you mail your bill, kindly include both parts along with your self addressed envelope, and we will gladly return your stamped half as your official receipt. Please notify us if you have not received your bills.

There is a partial exoneration from Per

Capita if your annual income falls under \$10,000.00 from all sources, but **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.

Landlords, please remember to update your rental properties with our office.

As always, our office is open to your questions and comments either in person, or by phone at 724-347-4472. We will be happy to assist you whenever possible.

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think an offer could be a scam. In addition, do your own research (*Better Business Bureau, FBI website, PA PA Attorney General website, etc.*) before trusting any online person or company or individual at your door. Many online frauds are perpetrated by criminals outside of the United States making investigations difficult, recovery of stolen funds rare, and arrests nearly impossible. If you become the victim of fraud, report it to Hermitage police. We may not be able to recover your stolen money or make an arrest, but we may be able to help protect others from also being targeted by the same criminals. Some shysters hack databases to steal your personal information. You only learn of this fraud when you get the bill for items you didn't buy, services you didn't use, utilities you didn't receive and debt you didn't make. Report hacked accounts to Hermitage police and other applicable law enforcement (*IRS, PA Dept. of Labor, etc.*). Door to door sales people must possess a valid City of Hermitage Transient Business License issued the Hermitage Police Department.

Did You Know...

Ancient Rome's legal system had a strong influence on the legal systems of most western countries. As such, many Latin terms are commonly used in our criminal justice system. Do you know some commonly used Latin terms? Test your knowledge on a few examples below.

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|-------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Mens rea | _____ | 6. In loco parentis | _____ |
| 2. Modus operandi | _____ | 7. Indicia | _____ |
| 3. Post mortem | _____ | 8. De minimis | _____ |
| 4. Prima facie | _____ | 9. Mala in se | _____ |
| 5. Habeas corpus | _____ | 10. Nolo contendere | _____ |

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A. At first face | F. Manner of operation |
| B. Indications | G. After death |
| C. In place of a parent | H. About small things |
| D. Guilty mind | I. I do not wish to dispute |
| E. Wrong in itself | J. May you have the body |

Answer Key:

1. D, 2. F, 3. G, 4. A, 5. J,
6. C, 7. B, 8. H, 9. E, 10. I



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