



Community Update

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Spring 2023

Earth Day Festival

Saturday, April 22nd

at LindenPointe

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spotlight business



Vey's Pub & Grille is more than quality cuisine

Contributed by Dick Davis

A love of food service and the community led Tom Ristvey, Jr., to his current ownership of the bustling Vey's Pub & Grille, 3176 E. State Street, next to the FNB emerald tower. He started Vey's in March 2019 following purchase of the former Tow Bar, in Sharon. Vey's opened at its current location in March 2021.

"I am very happy with our restaurant, our employees, and our location," says Tom. "The City of Hermitage and our community have been very supportive in everything. We are proud to be part of the community and enjoy sponsoring many events in our community and schools."

Tom's family of wife Deborah, their children Samantha, 14, and Lantz, 10, his parents Tom and Melinda Ristvey, and in-laws Leo and Mary Alice Davis, are very encouraging of Vey's. Tom graduated from Kennedy Catholic High School

and Slippery Rock University.

Fried green tomatoes are Vey's most popular item from its extensive menu. The kitchen monthly uses about 350 lbs. of green tomatoes for a recipe that includes tasty breading and frying the tomatoes. Toppings are blue cheese dressing, balsamic reduction, and crab meat.

Appetizers, soups, salads, burgers, and sandwiches join Vey's steaks and porkchops along with entrees that include haddock, salmon, shrimp, and pasta jambalaya.

Complementing the cuisine are multiple draft beers and a fully-stocked bar. Vey's has spacious seating for about 300, a private dining room for up to 50, and a full-service patio, weather permitting. Happy Hour is Tuesday-Friday 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., weekly Team Trivia Night is Tuesday, along with live entertainment on weekends.



Vey's Pub & Grille

3176 E. State St.
(next to the FNB)
Hermitage, PA 16148

724-308-6167

HOURS:

Tues-Wed 11^{am} - 11^{pm}
(kitchen open 11^{am} - 9^{pm})
Thurs-Sat 11^{am} - 12^{midnight}
(kitchen open 11^{am} - 10^{pm})

Closed Sun and Mon.

Reservations are accepted.

HAPPY HOURS:

Tues-Fri 4:30^{pm} - 6:30^{pm}
www.veyspubandgrill.com
We're also on Facebook!



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www.hermitage.net

City of Hermitage &
Shenango River Watchers

Earth Day Festival

April 22nd
@Linden Pointe

9-12 Earth Day Cleanup

12-5 Earth Day Festival

Leap into Herpetology & Nature Critter Walk @ 3:15

with Naturalist April Claus

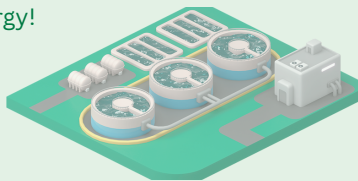
This hands-on interactive program introduces you to the reptiles and amphibians of Pennsylvania. Learn how to identify frogs and toads by their call, examine touchable models and learn how to identify the venomous snakes that live in our state. Meet and touch some LIVE snakes, toads, turtles and salamanders that are native to western Pennsylvania. Followed by a walk to one of your local ecosystems to look for critters (pending favorable weather) !

Food Waste Digester Tours

Bus leaves for tours at 1:00 & 3:00

Transportation provided by COG

Did you know that the City of Hermitage is home to one of the most revolutionary Food Waste to Energy Facilities in the country? Take a tour of the City of Hermitage Waste Water Treatment Plant and Food Waste Digester and learn about how the City of Hermitage turns food waste into energy!



Composting Workshops

Instructed by Penn State Master Gardeners

FREE - Registration is Required

Workshops @ 12:30 & 1:45

Each household receives an 80 gallon compost bin!

Sponsored by RETTEW & The City of Hermitage



Questions? Email us!
parks@hermitage.net

Live Entertainment

Sing-a-long with Nancy Bires 12:30

Ukuladies Gone Wild 1:30

Story Time with Vicki Lingner 2:45

Bellhouse 3:30

Vendors

Penn State Ice Cream • Torta' Mo • Slow Hurry Coffee

Torta 'Mo • The Whole Shebang • Big Rail Brewing

Robin's Refills • Fallen Aspen Farm • Rod & Needle

Riverwood Trading Co • Leftover Art • Coral Works

Honest Amish Soaps • Five Horizons Farm

Wholly Organic Microgreens • SV Garden Club

Children's Activities

Ice cream cone bird feeder sponsored by Joy Cone & Agway

Build a bird feeder sponsored by Home Depot Kid Workshops

Watershed Scavenger Hunt with the SRW

Nature Stories with the Community Library of Shenango Valley

Mouthful of M's Children's Activity Room

with Nancy Bires

Enjoy some time in the children's activity room

learning about the life cycle of the Monarch

Butterfly and engaging in fun activities and crafts.

Sponsored by the City of Hermitage, BC3,
Hermitage Treasurer Bernie Harry, & Whole Life Services

Informational & Educational Booths

City of Hermitage & HHS Green Team

- Milk Weed Handout & Info Share

Shenango River Watchers

- Watershed Information & Pledge

Mercer County Conservation District

- Environmental Education focusing on stream guidelines
- Prize Wheel

Shenango CREST

- Climate based activities
- Uplifting climate conversations

Access to resources & More!

Buhl Park

Hands-on look at ways our daily habits can impact our watershed

eAcademy Students

- How To Keep Our Earth Happy presentation and Recycling Mini-Poster Activity

Beekeeper Tim Heeter

- The Importance of Honey Bees
- Honey Bee Lifecycle
- Honey Products

Shenango Valley Garden Club

- Seed Handouts and Gardening Info

TriCounty Cleanways

Mercer County Recycling & Solid Waste



The Hermitage Arts Festival Committee is seeking talented individuals to participate in our Summer Arts Festival. Contact MaryEllen McKendry at (724) 981-0800, ext. 1210 for more information. **This application is also available online at www.hermitage.net**

*****NEW FOR 2023, all Arts Festival Artists & Vendors must submit a certificate of insurance naming the City of Hermitage as an additional insured. Please contact events@hermitage.net with any questions**

Artists' Marketplace Application

Artist's Name

Company (if any)

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone (daytime)

(evening/cell)

E-Mail

Fax

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

- ☐ Jewelry ☐ Clay (functional) ☐ Wood (functional) ☐ Leather
☐ Metalsmithing ☐ Glass ☐ Fibers/Textiles ☐ 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.

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 July 14, 2023; 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

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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

Fees

- ☐ \$50.00 for 10' x 10' booth space Number of spaces requested: _____
☐ \$10.00 for electricity per space (if needed)*
 *Limited number of spaces available. Must provide your own extension cords.

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

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 July 14, 2023.
- 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 29, and 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 30.
- 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.

The City of Hermitage & Buhl Park
presents...

Summer Camp

AT BUHL PARK

Be a part of the adventure!

Who

All students entering
grades K through 6
minimum age is 5

What

Outdoor Educational
& Recreational
Activities All Day
Every Day

Where

Buhl Park!

Cost

\$150 for Hermitage &
Wheatland residents-
Income based
scholarship available!

When

June 12 - July 21
Five Days a Week
9am - 3pm
Closed 4th of July

Register



For Questions:
email: parks@hermitage.net



Six weeks of outdoor educational and recreational activities for all students entering grades K-6! With themed weeks, water days, special guests, and great counselors, your campers are sure to have a summer to remember!

Welcome Week

Icebreakers, team building games, and nature walks meant for campers to get to know each other, their counselors, and the park!

STEAM Week

Science Experiments, Engineering Projects, Tie Dye, & Art Activities
Special Guests
OhWOW & HopeCAT

Olympic Week

Fun, Friendly competitions & games all week long
Special Guest
Elite Ninja Academy
sponsored by Joy Cone

4th FUN Week

Carnival Games, Hot Dog Cook Out, Ice Cream Party, Dunking Booth & Face Painting!

Activities sponsored by Joy Cone, Graham Stamping, & Shenango Honda
Special Guest
Magic by Kel

sponsored by Graham Stamping Co

Animal Week

Meet and learn about different animals both exotic and native to PA
Special Guests
Jungle Terry

Tamarack Wildlife
Linda Armstrong

Super Hero Week

Meet and learn about our communities super heroes who protect & keep us safe!

Special Guests
Local Police and Fire Departments

The City of Hermitage Youth Summer Rec

Summer 2023 Schedule starting June 12!
Visit our Parks & Recreation registration site for more information and to register!

Tennis

Ages 7-10:

MWF 9:00-10:30 am

Ages 11-13:

MWF 10:30-12:00 pm

Ages 14-17:

MWF 4:00-5:30 pm

Adults 18+:

MWF 5:30-6:30 pm

Highschool Courts

Wrestling:

Grades K-12th:

T/TH 6:00-7:30 pm

Highschool Aux Gym

Boys Basketball:

Grades 3rd-4th:

M/W 8:15-9:45 am

Delahunty Gym (3 week program)

Grades 5th-6th:

M/W 5:30-7:00 pm

Delahunty Gym

Grades 7th-8th:

M/W 9:00-11:00 am

Th 11:00-12:30 pm

Highschool Gym

Grades 9th-12th:

M-Th 7:00-9:00 pm

Highschool Gym

Girls Volleyball

Grades 5-8:

Tuesdays 9-11 am

Wednesdays 2-4 pm

Grades 9-12:

Mondays 2-4 pm

Thursdays 9-11 am

Highschool Gym

Girls Basketball:

Grades 5-6:

T/Th 5:00-7:00 pm

Delahunty Gym

Grades 7-12:

M-Th 5:00-7:00 pm

Highschool Gym

Violin/Viola Lessons:

Grades Pre-K-12th:

8 Private Lessons, \$80

Mon 4:30-5:30, 5:30-6:30

Weds 4:30-5:30, 5:30-6:30

Thurs 4:30-5:30, 5:30-6:30

Sat 9-10 am 10-11 am, 11-12pm

TWDC @ LindenPointe

Cross Country:

Grades 4th-6th:

T/TH 9:00-10:00 am

Grades 7th-12th:

M-TH 9:00-10:15

Buhl Park

Lacrosse

Girls & boys:

Grades 5-8:

T/TH 6:30-8:00 pm

Grades 9-12:

T/TH 5:00-6:30pm

Rodney White Field

Register



About Night Market

The Hermitage Night Market begins in July and runs through October. This is an evening event, beginning at 5pm and closing at 9pm. Each market features over 50+ vendors including farmers, artisans, producers, processors, food trucks, children's activities, yard games and live entertainment throughout the evening.



Market Dates & Entertainment:

Thursday, July 13th

Tim Dye

Thursday, August 10th

Jane Gregg & Max Schang

Thursday, September 14th

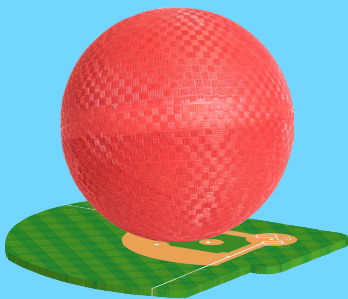
Ruby Mountain Music

Thursday, October 5th

Steve Vuich



City of Hermitage ADULT KICKBALL LEAGUE



JULY 25TH-SEPTEMBER 2ND

AT THE HERMITAGE ATHLETIC COMPLEX

- Teams: 10-18 Players, at least 4 females on the field
- Games: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday starting at 6:00 pm
- Registration: \$300/team --- **Closes July 11th**
- End of Season Tournament and Cookout

For more information email us!
parks@hermitage.net



Call for Volunteers

Community is more than where we live or the name of our city. It's about meaningful interaction, fostering relationships and doing something together that makes living here matter. If you would like to be a community volunteer for some of our long-standing traditions like the Hermitage Holiday Light Parade and Arts Fest, please contact the city.

parks@hermitage.net | (724)981-0800 ext: 1240

UPCOMING EVENTS!

BUS TRIP

Join us for a Guided Rock Climbing and Rappelling Trip and spend the day with ASCEND climbing gym at McConnell's Mill. Participants will experience the adventure of outdoor rock climbing and rappelling and enjoy a dinner stop at North Country Brewery before heading home! The trip is scheduled for Saturday, May 20th & has a Registration fee of \$125 which covers the ASCEND's fee and transportation. Registration is open! This trip has a minimum age of 14. All minors must be accompanied by a legal guardian.

YOGA

Two great yoga classes are being offered through the City of Hermitage Recreation which are being held at the Whole Life Services Building (1565 E State St, Hermitage). Register for Meditative Movement with JoAnn Gorsich on Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 and All Levels Flow with Brittany Yoho on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30. More details on the city's registration site!



EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

Be a part of the City's first Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 22nd at the eCenter @ LindenPointe. Join us for a day of environmental stewardship, educational classes, children and family activities, food & entertainment! Pre-register for Composting Workshops and receive a free composting bin (one per household). Registration is Open!



HERMITAGE ARTS FESTIVAL

The Hermitage Arts Festival is a celebration of the artistic and musical talent within our community. This two-day outdoor event is sponsored by the City of Hermitage. Situated on the beautiful grounds of Rodney White Olympic Park, the festival features an Artists' Marketplace where artists display and sell their art, as well as musical and theatrical performances, children's activities, and cultural entertainment. This event is free and open to the public

Hermitage Food Waste to Energy

The Hermitage Food Waste to Energy Facility continues to receive organic food waste on almost a daily basis. The organics industry has begun to divert food wastes from landfills and incinerators and put organic products to work creating new energy. Hermitage poised itself 10 years ago to make good use of the organics and to begin the process of turning it into electricity by its innovative process of blending the materials with the wastewater biosolids thus increasing methane production. The power created by this method allows the City of Hermitage to continue to supplement its sewer revenue in two ways. Firstly by receiving credit

towards the wastewater plants electric bill and secondly by creating a revenue stream from the receiving of the organics (also known as a tipping fee). Companies are able to contribute to creating a green renewable energy stream and divert food wastes away from overloaded landfills.

As part of the City's planned Earth Day activities on April 22nd, 2023 there will be guided tours arranged by City Recreation Director Jessica Gotch. Tour buses will leave from the eCenter at LindenPointe at 1:00pm & 3:00pm for two scheduled tours of the facility for those that are interested.



2023 Upcoming Capital Projects

2023 Capital Paving

Project will include milling off old pavement, necessary base repairs and new pavement to Lori Lane & Timber Lane. The project is funded by American Rescue Plans Act grant funds. Scheduled for summer 2023 construction.



South Keel Ridge Stormwater Improvement Project

The project will include minor improvements to stormwater infrastructure near South Keel Ridge Road, just south of Virginia Road. Scheduled for spring 2023 construction.

Kelly Road Improvements

The project will include milling off old pavement, necessary base repairs, new pavement and stormwater improvements to Kelly Road and adding bicycle and pedestrian facilities to the area for enhanced access along the roadway and into the Army Corps recreational property. The project is funded by PennDOT STU grant funds. Scheduled for fall 2023 / spring 2024 construction.

2023 CDBG Roadway Improvements

Project will include milling off old pavement, necessary base repairs, new pavement and spot stormwater improvements on portions of Concord Road, Trace Street and King Drive (west of Buhl Farm Drive). The project is funded by Community Development Block Grant funds. Scheduled for summer 2023 construction.



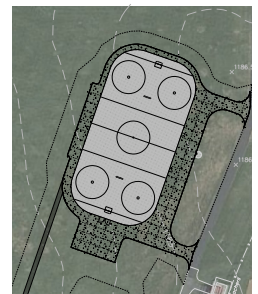
2023 Neighborhood Investment Program

Project will include milling off old pavement, necessary base repairs, new pavement and stormwater improvements to South Crescent (from King Drive to State Street) and Greenwood Avenue (from Fern Street to State Street). Scheduled for summer 2023 construction.



HAC Dek Hockey

The project includes construction and installation of a Dek Hockey Facility at the Hermitage Athletic Complex on S Darby Road. The project is funded by Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority grant funds. Scheduled for summer / fall 2023 construction.



SMALL BUSINESS FORUM

**THURSDAY,
APRIL 20
AT 1:00 P.M.**

3580 Innovation Way, Hermitage, PA

Greg Moreland with the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) will be hosting a roundtable discussion on hot issues facing small businesses today, such as minimum wage increases, paid maternity leave and much more. We invite small businesses to come and share their concerns! Please call Representative Parke Wentling's office at 724-734-5980.

Check out my social media!



RepWentling.com



Facebook.com/RepWentling

REMEMBER, IF YOU ARE PLANNING NEW CONSTRUCTION, OR AN ADDITION AROUND YOUR HOME,

PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY TO SEE IF A PERMIT WOULD BE REQUIRED.

I.E.

- New homes
- Additions
- Porches
- Garages
- Pools & Hot Tubs
- Sheds
- Decks
- Commercial renovations
- Signs
- Etc.



If you have any questions regarding construction on your property, please give us a call at 724-981-0800!

BUHL PARK

HERMITAGE, PA

MORE ABOUT US

BUHLPARK.ORG

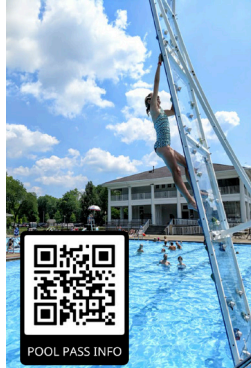
SPLASH INTO SUMMER WITH US!

We're excited to announce a handful of exciting changes coming to the pool! Bring your own food is coming back! Pack up the family cooler and head on over to beat the heat this summer. Not to worry, our concession stand will still be open to satisfy your sweet tooth! This season, we are introducing soft-serve ice cream, slushies, bubble teas, frozen treats, drinks, and more!

With a new surround sound system, our pool is going to provide the fun environment that your family desires on those hot summer days. Wanting

to secure private seating for your crew? Rent one of our NEW Lakeside Cabanas for the day! We open Memorial

Day Weekend, featuring live music from Take II Band. Our DJ Days are coming back on the first Friday of every month, courtesy of Moonlight DJ & Karaoke. And last, but certainly not least, Roscoe Physiotherapy will be back for Aquabody and our swim lessons will be returning on Wellness Wednesdays.



Season passes are now available for purchase. Be sure to set your family up for a fun-filled summer and get yours today! Stay tuned for more information about programming and other fun news

coming from the pool!

Stay tuned for more information and visit buhlpark.org for the most up-to-date information on our outdoor pool and programming.

SUMMER CAMP AT BUHL PARK

Be a part of the adventure. Buhl Park and the City of Hermitage are partnering to bring new and exciting things to the Park's Summer Youth Program legacy.

For more information:

www.buhlpark.org/camp

katie@buhlpark.org or 724-981-5522x105

Hermitage & Wheatland residents:

parks@hermitage.net or 724-981-0800 x1240



BUHL PARK
Junior Golf Program

FOUR 6-WEEK SESSIONS
\$100 PER SESSION
AGES 4 - 18
CLASSES ARE ON MON. & WED.

SESSION 1: April 17th - May 24th | 4-5PM

SESSION 2: June 19th - July 26th | 9-10AM (older group)
| 10:30-11:30AM (middle group)
| 12-1PM (younger group)

SESSION 3: August 7th- September 13th | 4-5PM

SESSION 4: September 25th - November 1st | 4-5PM

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER: BUHLPARK.ORG/GOLF

CLEAN UP WEEK

April 22 - 29

We need your help picking up brush, sticks, and litter throughout the Park. Clean-up can be done on your own time and is a simple way of sprucing up our beloved community gem. Individuals, families, schools and organizations are encouraged to participate. Let us know you're here!

Community Service hours are available upon request.



If you are organizing a group, please contact us at info@buhlpark.org



27-HOLE GOLF SCRAMBLE

FRIDAY, JUNE 2
10:00 AM SHOTGUN START



BUHL PARK GOLF COURSE &
AVALON AT BUHL PARK



SIGN UP TODAY!

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SCAN ME

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BUHL REGIONAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Promoting a Healthy Community

The Buhl Regional Health Foundation is committed to improving the health and well-being of the neighbors we serve. We believe that through partnerships, education, and grant-making, we can creatively impact the quality of life in our communities.

Strategic Framework

A new and exciting focus will be at the forefront of Buhl Regional Health Foundation's work for the next few years. The team's newly launched framework will seek funding opportunities for programs and organizations that focus on the health of the youth in Mercer County. BRHF will release Requests for Proposals as needs are identified in this focus area, while continuing work to improve the health of our community through health-related scholarships, youth-health focused programming and Mini Grants for smaller projects with potential for big impact!

Dental Clinic – SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

BRHF has partnered with Remote Access Medical to provide a free dental clinic to those in our community who lack access to affordable dental care. The clinic will be held June 10th and 11th in Sharon High School's gymnasium. Comprehensive dental services will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis to anyone in need of dental care. Further information about the event can be found on our website. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! General volunteers and dental professionals who wish to volunteer their time for this event can register on our website or call (724)301-3645 for volunteer registration information!

AED+ Program

Buhl Regional Health Foundation has partnered with Staying Alive LLC, AHN Grove City, UPMC and Sharon Regional Hospitals to initiate a life-saving skills program in the community. The program delivered 20 AEDs to 15 non-profits in 2022,

with plans to distribute 40-60 more in Mercer County this year. Mercer County 9-1-1 is mapping the AED distribution and can provide emergency callers with the location of the nearest AED. Additionally, a partnership with Staying Alive has trained more than 300 Mercer County residents in hands-only CPR and AED use since January 2023. The program is available to all non-profits and organizations with a 501(c)(3). Interested parties can apply on our website.

Camp Courage

Buhl Regional Health Foundation, in collaboration with Community Counseling Center, Buhl Park, The Highmark Caring Place and more, will bring Camp Courage to the community for the second year. The grief camp for children (K-6) who have lost a loved one will be held July 31st – August 4th at Buhl Park. Registration is open and can be accessed via Buhl Park's website. Volunteers who are interested in contributing to the camp should reach out to BRHF.

Buhl Community Recreation Center

www.fhbuhlclub.org
724-981-3700 ext 121

What's Happening In the Fitness Center:

After 10 months of renovations the brand new fitness room re-opened with the ribbon-cutting ceremony on February 14. The room is equipped with brand new exercise equipment and an exciting new layout. The room has a great combination of cardio equipment, targeted area machine, pin loaded and plate loaded machines. The old Circle for life room has been transformed into a room for athletic training featuring a torque wall unit, an air runner, 2



rowers, & a spin bike. The fitness room team is on hand for tours and

are offering weight room orientation Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Stop by and check out everything the Buhl Club has to offer. Don't forget to pick up our latest group fitness schedule and join a class. All classes are included in your membership!

Buhl Sharks take 3rd place at Champs!

The Buhl Club's first ever competitive swim team completed their season with a 3rd place finish at Champs in West Virginia on March 25th. The team is coached by Jenna Weiser and Alex Hlomyk and consists of 25 members ages 6-18. Look for clinics this summer and registration for next year's team in August!



Buhl Club Summer Camp! Summer Adventures

June 12th-August 11th
Ages 6-12
9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday
Register now! 724-981-3700 ext. 101

- Discounts for Buhl Club members
- ELRC/CCIS Accepted
- Free early/late care
- Breakfast, lunch, & snack included
- Swimming
- Field Trips- Akron Zoo, LTI, Cleveland Aquarium, Apple Castle, & more!

Dance Recital May 13th
Thiel College



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Community Library of the Shenango Valley

11 N. Sharpsville Ave. Sharon, PA 16146
724-981-4360 www.clsv.net
Monday—Thursday: 10 AM—8 PM
Friday & Saturday: 10 AM—5 PM



CLSV Stey-Nevant Library Branch

1000 Roemer Blvd. Farrell, PA 16121
www.steynevantlibrary.com
724-983-2714
Monday - Thursday: 11 AM—6 PM
Saturday: 10 AM – 2 PM

Summer Reading Begins June 12th

Our theme this year is "All Together Now"

Join us this summer as we get together and tour the USA through literature, fun and something for everyone! Visit www.clsv.net for a list of events, programs, story times and reading incentive programs!

Story Hour • Lego Club • Ooey Gooley Art • Therapy dogs • Writers' Group • Book Club • Knit & Needlework • Chess Club • Gadget Workshops • STEM Programs • Game Room • Music with Miss Jess

Get a complete schedule of all our the library's programs at www.clsv.net
Call 724-981-4360 or 724-983-2714 for more information!

COMING SOON! June 5-17, 2023

MERCER COUNTY SENIOR GAMES

Friendly competition for
ages 55 - 105!

Start practicing -
get back in shape!

Events held at locations
around Mercer County.



Events in Planning: Horseshoes, Tennis, Bowling, Ping Pong, Cornhole, Basketball Shoot, Shuffleboard, Dart Ball, Golf, Pickleball, Track & Field,

Registration forms available after May 1 by contacting
Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc.
724-662-6222 or email admin@mercercountyaging.org

SHENANGO RIVER WATCHERS 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 22 | Earth Day Cleanup | 9:00 am | LindenPointe
April 22 | Earth Day Festival | 12:00 pm | LindenPointe
April 23 | Wildflower Hike | 1:00 pm | Big Bend
May 7 | Fly Casting Clinic | 1:00 pm | Buhl Park
May 27 | Tire Recycling | 9:00 am | Sharon City Center Plaza
June 3 | Spring Paddle Fest | 7:30 am | Pymatuning State Park
June 7 | Intro to Kayaking Course | 6:00 pm | Buhl Park, Hermitage
July TBD | River Cleanup
August TBD | River Cleanup
August 26 | Lake to Lake Paddle Challenge
September 30 | Fall Paddle Fest | 7:30 am | Pymatuning State Park
October 22 | Fall Foliage Hike | 2:00 pm | Big Bend
November 17 | National Take a Hike Day
November 23 | 36th Annual Gobble Wobble | 9:30 am | Buhl Park

Check our website or Facebook page for updated event information! shenangoriverwatchers.org

SHENANGO RIVER WATCHERS



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COMMUNITY FOOD WAREHOUSE

EMPTY BOWLS

MERCER COUNTY

May 4 **4-8pm**

The Corinthian Banquet Hall & Event Center | 47 Vine Ave, Sharon, PA

Join us for a simple meal of soup and bread and choose a handcrafted bowl to take home as a reminder that food insecurity persists in our local communities. The event features a basket raffle, silent auction, live entertainment and a cash bar.

\$25
TICKET

COMMUNITY
FOOD WAREHOUSE
OF MERCER COUNTY

*Your support helps feed
our hungry neighbors right
here in Mercer County!*



Scan QR code or visit foodwarehouse.org to get tickets online or purchase tickets at CFWMC or at the door of the event.
Questions? contact Alexis at 724-981-0353 ext. 108

FREE PRC's TRAVELING GLASS RECYCLING BIN



Apr. 29 – May. 4th
7 a.m. to sundown.

Sept. 30th – Oct. 5th
7 a.m. to sundown

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

Types of Glass Accepted:

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

Not Accepted:

- Cut glass • Glass bakeware • Mirrors • Porcelain & ceramics • Stemware • light bulbs • TVs
- All other materials including recyclables

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

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

2023 Event Calendar Hard-to-Recycle (H2R)



Recycling/Solid Waste Department
724-658-6925
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NEW in 2023: Bring Us Your Plastic Bags & Film!



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

2023 LOCATIONS: Tentative locations listed with an *.

*May 9	Stoneboro Borough Building 59 Lake Street, Stoneboro, PA
June 13	Mercer Area Library 110 East Venango Street, Mercer, PA
July 11	Ellwood City Public Works Garage 105 Sixth Street, Ellwood City, PA
August 8	Grove City Borough Building 123 West Main Street, Grove City, PA
*September 12	Mahoning Township Building 4538 West State Street, Hillsville, PA
October 10	DON ReClaim 424 North Croton Avenue, New Castle, PA
November 14	Munnell Run Farm/Conservation District 753 Greenville Road, Mercer, PA
December 12	Lawrence County Recycling/Solid Waste Dept. Gettings Annex at Lawrence County Courthouse, New Castle, PA

NO

- Cell Phones
- Fluorescent Tubes
- CFLs
- Electronics
- Paint, Chemicals, etc.
- Batteries

Program Details:

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

Visit our webpages or follow us on Facebook!

lawrencecountypa.gov/recycling and mercercountypa.gov/recycling

Hermitage Recycling, Yard Waste, Garbage

E-Waste Recycling Program

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

Acceptable e-waste includes:

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

Tire & Appliance Recycling

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

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.

Bulk Cleanup

The bulk cleanup days have been scheduled for the week of May 1, 2023 (on regular collection days) and the week of September 25, 2023 (on regular collection day).

ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

Residents shall place their garbage, recycling and yard waste at the curb for collection **NO EARLIER THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE THE DAY OF THE SCHEDULED SERVICE.**

Carts shall be moved back away from the curb once collection service is completed.



2023 Weekly Yard Waste Collection Begins the Week of Monday, April 17, 2023

Yard waste collection will take place as part of your normal curbside collection on a weekly basis starting the week of April 17th and ending the 2nd week in December.

(Green-lid) yard waste carts or biodegradable bags may be placed at the curb on a weekly basis on your regular collection day, the week of April 17th through the 2nd week in December. There is no limit to the amount of bio-degradable bags a household can place at the curb.

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

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

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Hermitage Historical Society

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The Hermitage Historical Society is in the midst of creating a book highlighting historical homes in Hermitage, PA. We know of many homes of historical importance to our town's history, but we don't know everything! If you have a home that was built over 100 years ago or has particular historical value, please contact the historical society. Any pictures, stories, etc. are vital to making this a book to add to the growing collection of books highlighting local history. We have a very unique and interesting story to tell, and your home may be a very vital part of our local history.

The Hermitage Historical Society is in need of volunteers to help at the society's Stewart House on East State Street. Members and volunteer duties include:

welcoming visitors during open hours, general cleaning, gathering historical information, etc. If anyone is interested, please contact the society at 724-877-7996 or message us on Facebook. Thank you in advance.

Flea Market

Our flea markets are very well attended and take place right here at the Stewart House by the beautiful Whispering Pines Park. The house will be open for visitors and we invite the entire community to attend. Vendors are welcome and can set up for \$10. (rain or shine)

Dates:

May 6th & June 10th

The Stewart House

Stewart House Rentals

The Stewart House is a beautiful home to host your next important gathering! (showers, weddings, meetings, etc.):

\$150 per 4 hours

Upcoming Speakers:

Open to the public at the Stewart House

April 18

Ernie Smith from Parker Bros.

May 16

Tom Darby on the history of Neshannock

New Members

Are Always Welcome:

Students=\$5 per year

Individuals=\$10 per year

Family=\$25 per year

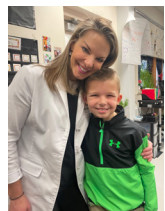
Lifetime=\$150 once

"Spring Has Sprung" at Artman Elementary

Andrew Kemper, Principal, Grades K-3

March has been a wonderful time at Artman. We kicked off the month with our kindergarten registration and screening. The screening process provides a snapshot of student abilities as well as an opportunity for discussion with families about the upcoming school year. If you happened to miss this event, please reach out to the school so that your child can still be registered. It is extremely important for planning and placement purposes that your child is registered as far in advance as possible.

For many years the "Care Fair" has been part of our kindergarten screening days. The Care Fair is coordinated by Kayla Lockhart and Megan Lowry in our student counseling department. This year we had 14 local community vendors set up stations with information to share with parents and families about their programs and how they may be of assistance. This is a great opportunity to foster connections with our families and the agencies represented by the vendors.



We had our annual Career Week to kick off March. The week had many career-centered activities to help our students start thinking about the future. Each

classroom had several guest speakers from all types of careers. The speakers shared their expertise about their field, what it takes to get into the field, and what their job entails.



The annual Princess Ball returned on March 10th and was a huge success. The Artman PTO once again transformed our school into a magical place with the theme "Dancing in the Rain". Several hundred students and family representatives attended this event and a good time was had by all.

Summer Academies and Summer Remediation Opportunities:

The Hermitage School District is excited to continue its yearly tradition of offering summer learning opportunities through our Summer Academies. The academies are offered for nearly every grade level and are created by our teachers to reach a wide range of student interest. Academy options range from a robotics course, Camp Invention, trips to the zoo, sneak peak into various grade levels and much, much more. Information will be shared with district families in mid April regarding registration.



In addition to our Summer Academies, we are excited to offer summer remediation

courses for the second summer in a row. These courses are an effort to help students close any gaps in their learning - specifically math and reading. These courses run from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Tuesday through Thursday, July 11 - August 3. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to continue their learning in the summer and build on the foundation established during the school year.



From the Counselor's Desk

by Mrs. Kayla Lockhart

Our Character Strong curriculum is currently focusing on Cooperation. One way to think about Cooperation is "working together to reach shared goals". Each classroom will be having exciting discussions on how students can cooperate with classmates, teachers, and staff in our school community. This would be a great opportunity to bring these conversations into the home setting. As a family, talk about how this definition applies to how you work together at home and what are some goals you share? Teaching children cooperation will help them be kind to one another! As we look toward the final months of the school year, our students will have the opportunity to learn about the importance of courage and creativity.

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Ionta and Delahunty Schools Prepare Students for Career Awareness and Exploration

Eric Trosch, Principal, Grades 4-7

Amazing and wonderful happenings continue at Ionta and Delahunty Schools! We are presently teaching our students about the importance of "Career Awareness" and the beginning steps involved in career exploration.

As we work with our students on career readiness, our approach differs at each grade level; however, a common goal for all students is to provide them with relevant and foundational information about the many careers that exist within today's workforce.

Career Exploration at Ionta Elementary

This year we began with inviting representatives from our community to speak with our students about their own chosen career path(s). We asked our presenters to share the following with our students: Post-high school educational requirements, careers that require a specific college degree, trade certification from trade and vocational schools, the various training and skills required, length of average work day, salary and earnings, as well as the pros and cons of their chosen field.

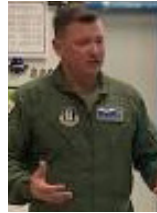
We were extremely fortunate to utilize our very own professional staff members to discuss some of the different career opportunities and positions they also hold outside of their teaching profession.

Hermitage School District's Very Own:

Mr. Joe Kulbacki, HSD Director of Instructional Technology, has recently published a children's book, *The Think it Through Crew: Takes on Bullying!* Mr. Kulbacki had written the book a few years back and just recently was able to see the fruits of his labor when he teamed up with one of our former students, Max Schaller, who skillfully provided the illustrations. A huge congratulations to Mr. Kulbacki and Max.



Mr. Joe Bender, HSD Math and ELA Instructional Learning Coach, spoke to students about his current military career as a C-130H Loadmaster Technical Sergeant assigned to the 757 Airlift Squadron at Air Force Reserve Command base out of Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio. Mr. Bender explained he is responsible for properly loading, securing and escorting passengers, and performing airdrop operations. Mr. Bender previously served in the PA Army National Guard, 28th Infantry Division, 1st Battalion 107th Field Artillery Regiment, as a Forward Observer.



Miss Tabatha Wingard, HSD School Social Worker, discussed with students how school social workers help individuals, groups, and families prevent and cope with problems in their everyday lives. Miss Wingard expressed the importance of providing skills-based interventions to students in individual and group settings, as well as how she coordinates with community-based programs and links families and students to outside agencies and services.



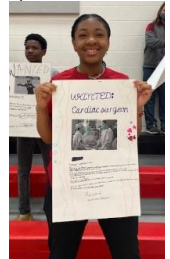
Career Exploration at Delahunty Middle School:

The beginning phases of career exploration for our middle school students begins with each student researching a career they are curious about pursuing. Through the research discovery process we want our students to begin learning and understanding the different types of demands that lie ahead of them, the level of education that is required and what type of skills and qualifications are necessary in order to achieve and experience success within their



selected field of choice.

In our Technology and Library classes, both Mrs. Jeanette Anderson and Mrs. Molly Matchak were instrumental in helping our students lay out all of their newly-discovered career information in an old-fashioned Wild West "Wanted" poster format. Students were asked to answer the following questions: What does this person do for their job? What type of educational training does this person need? Where might this person work? What would this person do at work in a day? Lastly, and of course most importantly in the eyes of a sixth-grade student, how much money am I going to make?



Delahunty Student Gallery Walk:

During the gallery walk each student has the opportunity to present their individual poster, answer any questions from their teachers and peers, as well as provide positive and constructive feedback regarding each of their classmate's career choices and the responsibilities that are attached to their chosen career.

Finally, one new and exciting opportunity we look forward to offering our seventh-graders this spring includes a tour to the Mercer County Career Center. This is a great opportunity for our students to see the rewarding careers in the areas of:

- Carpentry
- Collision Repair and Refinishing
- Computer Information Technology
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Diesel Technology
- Early Childhood Education and Preschool
- Health Care Careers
- Precision Production Metal
- Welding

As a proponent of career exploration during these formative years, we hope to help our students discover careers they may not otherwise hear of, and give them the tools to begin to determine their future career paths.

Hermitage High School

Business week at HHS:

Every December, Hickory High School seniors transform from students into business professionals for one week. Business Week, sponsored by Americans for the Competitive Enterprise System, Inc. (ACES), is an innovative program designed to educate high school students about the fundamentals of business and economics. The program takes place over one school week and offers students the opportunity to learn from experienced business professionals through a variety of workshops, lectures, and interactive activities. Students gain an understanding of key business concepts such as finance, marketing, and entrepreneurship. They also learn about the role of the free enterprise system in the economy and how it promotes economic growth and prosperity. In addition to gaining valuable knowledge, students develop essential skills such as teamwork, leadership, and critical thinking. At the end of the week, students participate in "Competition Friday" in which they present in front of judges. They take part in a Stockholders Meeting, where they discuss the financial decisions the company has made; a Marketing and Advertising Competition in which they perform an original commercial and discuss the reasoning behind the company name, logo and branding; and, finally, a trade show competition complete with a prototype, posters and props made only from Business Week materials. During this competition, students and teachers visit the student vendors where the competitors from each group try to "close a deal" and make a sale. One group of students earn the title of "Top Team" at the end of the competition and receive \$100 in cash. High School Business Week is an excellent program for students interested in pursuing careers in business and economics, as well as those looking to develop essential life skills.

Students for Charity

HHS Students for Charity is a club that consists of kindhearted, giving, ambitious students in grades 8-12, and is advised by Mrs. Laura Mount. The organization meets monthly to select and implement school-wide activities for which they raise funds for local charitable organizations. Students give of both their

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time and their money through school activities such as Hat Days, Ice cream Socials, April Showers Special Olympics, Zumba class, walk-a-thons, bake sales and other activities that allow for school-wide participation. Students and staff donate in order to participate in these events throughout the year, resulting in amazing local fundraising. Students for Charity donates \$5,000-\$10,000 each year with the help of the Shenango Valley Community Foundation's matching funds (up to \$5000 annually). They have donated to the Special Olympics, Good Fellows, various animal shelters, cancer and other treatment centers, and scholarships, just to name a few. Students for Charity is definitely a highlight at Hickory High School.

Hornet Nation

Hornet Nation is a school spirit club whose numbers are quickly growing. The club started five years ago and is advised by Mrs. Maria Rodenbaugh. The main purpose of Hornet Nation is to promote school spirit and a feeling of community within HHS. The club began by taking on the task of presenting the fall, winter & spring pep rallies. Each event begins by recognizing achievements in arts and academics followed by a competition that involves the staff. The rallies then move on to recognizing athletics with a little friendly competition between teams. Finally, the rallies end with a spirit competition between grade levels.

New this year, to promote unity within the school, the members of Hornet Nation created a holiday Spirit Week for the four days prior to winter break. Monday was entitled "Sweater Weather", Tuesday was "Winter Wonderland and Whiteout", Wednesday was "Merry Morning" and Thursday was "Favorite Holiday Character". Additionally, a locker decorating contest was held for students and a door decorating contest for staff. Hornet Nation presented free all-sports passes and treat bags to the winners.

Hornet Nation plans to assist Unified Sports for Special Olympics PA again in the spring with April Showers, and the members want to create a Spirit Week for the spring as well. Hornet Nation is willing to assist with anything that promotes school spirit and unity within the HHS community. The only membership requirement is Hornet pride!

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Hermitage School District Central Admin

Dan Bell, Superintendent, Hermitage School District

HSD School Resource Officers

Hermitage School District is fortunate to have two full-time School Resource Officers assigned to our schools. After 12 years of service as an SRO, Officer Tony Moses retired from the police force and from his position at Hickory High School. We are thankful for the relationships he built with our students,

as well as the contributions he made to ensuring our buildings are safe and secure. Because of his retirement, we are happy to welcome Officer Phil Sciarretta as his replacement. We are very much looking forward to working with Officer Sciarretta alongside Officer Ron Dague, who works in the grades K-7 buildings.



School Resource Officers (Left to Right) Officer Phil Sciarretta, Officer Tony Moses, Officer Ron Dague



Hickory's 2023 State wrestling qualifiers, Connor Saylor and Brody Bishop, along with their coaches.



Hickory Competitive Cheer team, PIAA State Runners Up

2023 Spring musical: "The Little Mermaid"

75 HHS students in cast and crew

Director/Vocal Director - Julie Freeman Kerr

Producer/Crew Manager - Alissa Sgro

Set Designer/Stage Manager - James Kerr

Pit Orchestra Conductor - Stephen R. Garay

Choreographer - Marjorie E. Rapp

Accompanist - Maureen Murray-Jaklic

Costume Manager/Hair/Make-up - Linda Dought

Sound Manager - Nick Iovino

Light Designer - Sarah Harris/Nick Iovino



The little mermaid cast, photo: Jason Kapusta

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News from the eCenter @ Lindenpointe

Imagine a place where you could grow your business and bring your professional dreams to fruition. Imagine a place that gathers local high school students to learn about the power of entrepreneurship and economic growth in the area. Imagine a place where you could accelerate your career with a highly sought cybersecurity certification. You don't have to imagine much longer- LindenPointe Development Corp. (LDC) at 3580 Innovation Way in Hermitage prides itself on continuing to educate, innovate, and transform local enterprise across its three entities:

1. eCenter@LindenPointe - A Technology Business Incubator
2. eAcademy@LindenPointe
3. Pennsylvania Cybersecurity Center (PCC)

The eCenter's fundamental program is the Business Incubator. This program is designed to be the launch pad for entrepreneurs to create the startup business of their dreams. Not only do they have access to their own individualized business suite or workspace, but also the other amenities the beautiful facility has to offer: co-working spaces, conference rooms, a podcast studio, an equipped kitchenette, and technological resources, among others. In addition to this, aspiring business owners have access to certain business services and support through networking, consulting, and development opportunities. They will also be immersed in a diverse learning environment surrounded by other tenants, co-workers, and

local professionals. The eCenter's business incubation program enables entrepreneurs to create the successful businesses of tomorrow today right here in Mercer County. If you are interested in housing and growing your business at the eCenter contact us to schedule a tour or to learn more! 724.981.1829 | ecenter@lindenpointe.com | <https://ecenterlindenpointe.com>

In addition to business incubation, the eCenter also is home to one of Pennsylvania's top economic programs. The eAcademy creates the upcoming leaders of tomorrow by focusing on the youth of the Valley, allowing 25 area high school seniors to embark on a journey of a lifetime. During the fall and spring semesters, these students learn about the entrepreneurial mindset, small business management, real-world experience, and soft skill development. The program is under the guidance of lead program director Katie Parr. She quotes, "Entrepreneurship is not just a method, but rather a mindset that requires practice and continuous improvement. I want students to graduate from the eAcademy with the ability to anticipate setbacks, problem-solve, and thrive in their own environment. Not all the students at the eAcademy will continue on to a degree or career in business, but they will all leave with the skills necessary to succeed in any workplace." Students get to put their knowledge to the test as they compete in an end-of-year startup competition Demo Day. This year's class includes six startup teams all of which are competing

for the grand prize of \$5,000. If you are currently a junior in high school and are interested in applying, contact us to schedule a tour or to learn more about the eAcademy. 724.981.1829 | kparr@lindenpointe.com | <https://ecenterlindenpointe.com/eacademy/>

The LDC's newest and third entity is the PA Cybersecurity Center (PCC) program created in partnership with ForceNow. To combat the shortage of cybersecurity professionals, the program offers remote access, fully synchronous, certified training courses for students to become career ready and to seek positions in the cybersecurity industry that has over 750,000 open cybersecurity jobs across the United States, including 24,000 in Pennsylvania. The program instills in students the needed skills to thrive in this digital economy's technology field and enables them to get industry-accepted certified. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to participate in full and part-time internships to gain real-world experience. Upon completing the program, students will be assisted in finding jobs to secure their success! As of now, the PCC program has partnered with six high schools and four colleges: Penn State University, Thiel College, Westminster College, and Slippery Rock University. For additional information on this program visit <https://pacybersecurity.org>.

The Entrepreneurship Academy Program



The Entrepreneurship Academy Program is an innovative educational program focused on three main goals: building relationships, building community, and building businesses. The eAcademy is one of three programs overseen by the eCenter at the LindenPointe Development Corporation in Hermitage, PA.

Our classroom has 25 students from 11 local school districts, as well as the Pennsylvania Homeschool Accreditation Association, across both Mercer and Lawrence Counties. During their first semester here, they learn about Entrepreneurship- both the mindset and the practice. Students are then put into small startup teams to learn Small Business Management skills second semester as they journey through MIT's "Disciplined Entrepreneurship: 24 Steps to a Successful Startup" curriculum. Mid-way through the school year,

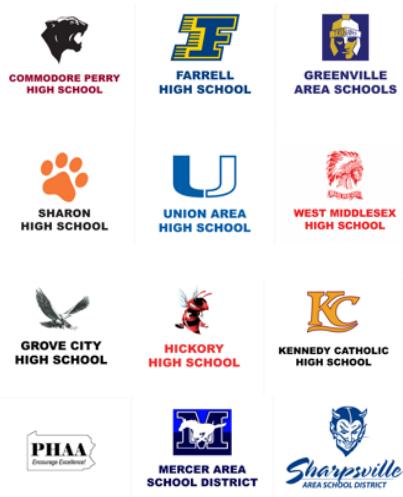
students compete in their first pitch event, Dolphin Tank- like Shark Tank, only nicer. They will have an opportunity to practice their elevator pitch in front of a live panel of judges. If they are successful, they win the opportunity to present a more detailed business plan at the end of the year at our Student Startup Showcase... and a chance at the \$5,000.00 prize!

Students at the eAcademy are supported by a large network of regional experts, local entrepreneurs, community leaders, business owners and CEOs. They are mentored by at least one guest speaker each month and frequently travel off-site to tour businesses right here in their backyard. At the eAcademy, learning doesn't just take place in the classroom.

Not all of the eAcademy student may end up becoming an entrepreneur, but they will all learn to think like one. eAcademy students strive to become exemplary young adults equipped

with 21st century skills including: leading by influence, initiative, time-management, analyzing information, creative problem-solving, effective communication, active listening, soft skills, collaborating with diverse personalities and knowing that everyone has value to offer in the workplace.

As a non-profit, the eAcademy program is funded largely by school tuition, private donations, and business sponsorships. We'd love to sit down with you and further discuss the three main goals of the eAcademy and how we might work together to ensure a successful future partnership.



Sponsorship Name:

Please print *exactly* how you would like to have your business name printed on the marketing materials below

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Sponsorship Amount:

_____ Bronze \$500.00

(Business Name listed on back of eAcademy Class T-Shirt, plus 4 tickets)

_____ Silver \$1,000.00

(Business Logo appears on eAcademy Informational Guide, plus 6 tickets)

_____ Gold \$2,500.00

(Business Logo appears on eAcademy Standing Banners, plus 8 tickets)

_____ Platinum \$5,000.00

(Business Logo appears on tile plaque on eAcademy Sponsor Wall, plus 10 tickets and a table reservation)

Bronze-Platinum sponsors will all be featured on the eCenter@LindenPointe's website. Deadline to be included on the 2023-2024 eAcademy Class T-shirt is September 30th.

Additional individual tickets can be purchased for \$40.00 on EventBrite. Please use QR code on event flier. Table reservations which include 10 tickets, can be purchased at a discounted rate of \$350.00 through Katie Parr, eAcademy Program Director. Bronze-Platinum sponsors will be contacted to coordinate their complimentary ticket reservations.

Payment Information:

Checks made payable to:

"LindenPointe Development Corporation"
with designation to the "eAcademy Program" on
the memo line.

Mail payment

and sponsorship form to:

eCenter@LindenPointe
Attn: Katie Parr, eAcademy Program
3580 Innovation Way
Hermitage, PA 16148

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WITH BOB EVANS



MAY 10TH

THE CORINTHIAN BANQUET HALL

From the Chief of Police

Chief Piccirillo, City of Hermitage, Hermitage Police Department

In late May of 2022, the Mercer County DUI Task Force was able to freshen the look of their DUI trailer used for various enforcement and awareness events. The trailer, originally purchased in 2007, needed some basic maintenance due to normal wear and tear, as well as a more impactful image to better promote impaired driving awareness. This was made possible in part due to allocation of grant funding through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). The remainder of the project



was made possible by contributions from area donors.

Thank you to: Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association

- Mercer County District Attorney's Office
- Shenango Honda
- City of Hermitage

I would also like to thank Sergeant Brian Robison, Mercer County DUI Task Force Coordinator, and Sergeant Jon Wilcox, Mercer County DUI Task Force Co-Coordinator, for their hard work, dedication, and devotion to the program year after year. Were it not for the efforts of these two gentlemen, this program would not be the success that it is today. Last but certainly not least, thank you to Stephanie Lapikas at TopCap Truck Accessories in Transfer for her innovative design ideas and amazing talent!



From the Desk of the Treasurer

Bernie Harry, City Treasurer

Spring is here and so are the County/City tax bills. They were mailed on March 1st, 2023 and remain at the discount amount until April 30th. Whenever the due date falls on a weekend, we will honor that payment on the next business day. The School and Per Capita bills are always mailed on August 1st.

Welcome new residents. If you have any questions, feel free to call, e-mail, or stop in the office. Our hours are 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Monday through Friday

I'd like to explain the note on your bills stating that we need separate checks for each bill. Your County/City bill is one combined bill requiring only one check for the total amount

due. Should you own more than one parcel, all County/City bills may be made payable with one check if you so choose. School bills require a separate check as do your County/City, and Per Capita bills. Again, like bills may be combined but different bills cannot!

Whether you rent or own your home, you must register with the city for per capita tax billing. Per Capita tax is a head tax levied on anyone over the age of 18, living in the City of Hermitage. It remains at \$30.00 per person.

Remember, when making payments, it is not necessary to come in, you may mail your payment or leave it in the secure drop box on the north side driveway. If you need a receipt, please



include your entire bill along with a self-addressed stamped envelope, and we will return the stamped receipt to you.

Also, we are asking you to register all rental properties with our office even if a family member is living there. This information is necessary to update our City census.

As always, you may contact us directly by phone at 724-347-4472, or e-mail bharry@hermitage.net and we will be happy to assist you. Stay safe.



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Cameron S. Linton, Michael Muha,
Duane Piccirilli (Board President), and Louis Squatrito

Water Quality Corner

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

Looking for some new flowers to spruce up your garden? Consider planting native species! These are flowers that not only improve the overall look of your garden, but they benefit the environment! These flowers are low maintenance and require less water and fertilizer than non-native species.

<https://extension.psu.edu/pennsylvania-native-plants-for-the-perennial-garden>



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Beginning in January, the City of Hermitage is releasing its first e-newsletter. The monthly newsletter is sent out at the end of each month to all email subscribers. Each edition will feature news and events involving the City, local businesses and local organizations. If you are interested in subscribing, please visit www.hermitage.net and click the 'Forms Center' button from our home page or email us at eaalerts@hermitage.net • <https://hermitagepa-services.app.transform.civicplus.com/>

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