



Community Update

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Summer 2023



HERMITAGE NIGHT MARKET at the HERMITAGE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

5PM
TO
9PM

Market Dates:
Thursday, August 10
Thursday, September 14
Thursday, October 5



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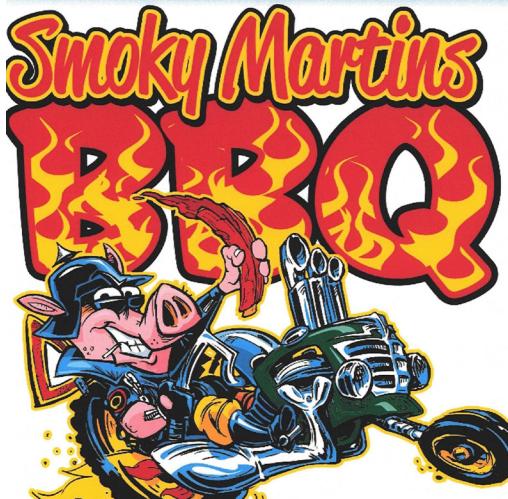
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spotlight business



Wood fired ovens with smoked meats and pizzas thrive at Smoky Martins BBQ

Contributed by Dick Davis

Home style, homemade recipes are standard fare at Smoky Martins BBQ, 3601 E. State St., near the Shenango Valley Mall in the former Murcko's Restaurant building. Martins brought wood fired ovens and smoked meats to the Shenango Valley in early 2020.

"I am proud to make most of our dishes on-site, using fresh ingredients, including our potato salads, cheese sauces for mac and cheese, and the red sauce for our pizzas using real plum tomatoes," says owner Ron Martin. "We don't cut corners on preparation, and it shows in the quality of our food."

Smoked brisket, smoked ribs, and wood-fired pizzas are among the most popular selections. Texas Twinkies, which are cream cheese and brisket stuffed jalapenos wrapped in bacon and wood fired, and potato pancakes served with sour cream or apple sauce, are also big sellers. Brisket chili is a recent award winner.

From the feature menu, the smoked flank steak French dip sandwich is popular.

Smoky Martins top-line, artisan Mugnaini wood-fired oven reaches 700-800 degrees to bake pizzas in three-four minutes. Thursday evening is an all-you-can-eat pizza buffet.

The restaurant smokers burn through about a cord of wood, or a dump truck-size load, every three weeks.

A love of cooking led to Ron Martin opening the original Smoky Martins BBQ seven years ago in Meadville. Ron was always the designated and popular chef at friend's hunting camps.

Smoky Martins caters weddings and parks with its fully equipped food truck at numerous special events in the region.

Smoky Martins BBQ

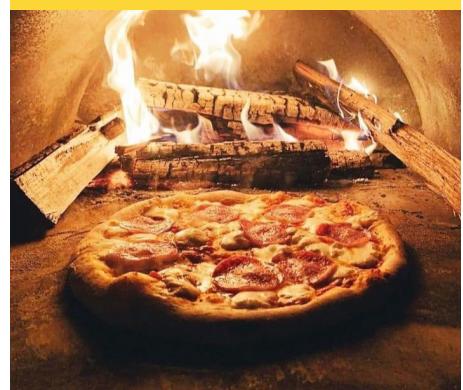
2393 E. State St.
Hermitage, PA 16148
(former Murcko's Restaurant building)

724-308-7557

Hours:
Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Closed Monday.

www.smokymartinsbbq.com

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Smoky Martins BBQ-Hermitage, PA



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www.hermitage.net



Event Photography contributed by
Jordan Kepner, Pitt Street Creative



Entertainment

Saturday, July 29

12:30 - 2 p.m. • **The Boom Rockets**
 2:30 - 4 p.m. • **The Max Schang Band**
 4:30 - 6 p.m. • **2nd Avenue Project**
 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. • **The Diamond Project**
 9:30 pm • **Fireworks**

Sunday, July 30

11:30am-1:30p.m. • **The Swizzle Stick Band**
 1 - 1:20 p.m. • **City of Hermitage
Recognition Ceremony**
 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. • **The Soul Men, A Blues
Brothers Tribute Band**

July 29 & July 30

All Free & Open to the Public

Saturday, July 29 • Noon - 9:00 pm, fireworks 9:30 pm

Sunday, July 30 • 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

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



Food Vendors

Hermes Food Truck - Greek/Mediterranean/
Carnival Food
Haitian Sensation - Caribbean Cuisine
Croakers Brewing Co - Craft Beer
The Whole Sh'bang - Pasta Bread Bowls, Pulled Pork
Rita's Italian Ice & Custard - Italian Ice & Custard
Smok'd - BBQ & More
A Mother's Touch Center Child Development -
Elephant Ears, Shaved Ice, Cotton Candy
Grist House Craft Brewery - Beer
Big Mikes Food Shack - Burritos & Loaded Tots
Minuteman Pizza - Woodfired Pizza
Smokey Martin's - BBQ Restaurant
Gatehouse Winery - Wine
MLH Distillery - Vodka, Gin, Rums, Whiskey
Gloria's Concessions - Lemonade/Bubble Lemonade
Slow Hurry Coffee - Coffee Cart
Blaurock Brats LLC - Bratwurst Sandwiches
HHS Cheer Boosters - Dippin' Dots
Ye Olde Kettlecorn - Kettlecorn
MissElaineous Dance - Lemonade & Hot Dog

Children's Activities

Saturday, July 29, 2022

12:00 - 7 p.m. • **Children's Activities Tent**
 1 - 7 p.m. • **Inflatable Obstacle Course**

Sunday, July 30, 2021

11 - 3:30 p.m. • **Children's Activities Tent**
 11 - 4 p.m. • **OhWOW**
 12:30 - 3 p.m. • **Dragonfly Balloons**



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Participating Artists AT THE TIME OF NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

Bill Metz (Silver Maple Shops DBA Wood Docs) – Finely crafted wood products.

Julie Metz (Silver Maple Shops DBA Wood Docs) – Hand beaded jewelry.

Steve Miller (Miller Fab4) – Gourd Crafts.

Wendy Mosbacher (Designs in Polymer Clay) – Whimsical & weird polymer clay art.

Darla Rogers (Pease Pots, LLC) – Wheel thrown functional pottery.

Mel Broadwater & Bill Hogue (Suds & Cedar) – Handmade soap and body products.

Victoria Emery (Lola & Co. Designs) – clothing, candles, melts, etc.

Sam & Maribeth Beneviat (MB's Gems & More) – Rare & exotic gemstone jewelry/fishing flies.

Amy Moore (Spirit Seekers) – Gemstone & bead jewelry.

Elaine Marie Klar (Pleasant Nonsense Studio) – Ceramics.

KayLinn Willoughby (Ticed off Adventures) – Bookmarks, light switches, etc.

Jennifer Dombeck (Jennifer Dombeck Crafts) – Door Hangers, Shelf Sitters, etc.

Sandy Garcia (Sandy Store Crafts) – Glass & crystal suncatcher

Fran Deeb – One-of-a-kind necklaces & earrings.

Jennifer Barborak & Ann Kotyk (Fleetwood Farms) – Photography, driftwood art paintings, etc.

Cathryn Stranahan (Ravenmaid Creative) – Mixed media & acrylic artwork.

Emily Woods & Trische Asche – Pour Paintings/Pearl Jewelry.

Stacey Keating (Stella's Sundries) – Natural Handcrafted soaps.

Judy Rorabaugh (Judy's Dog Bandanas & More) – Handmade Dog bandanas & more.

Willie Wike (Willie Wike Wood Working) – Unique wood frames, cutting boards, etc.

Andie Parady – Crocheted pieces, woven & linocut pieces.





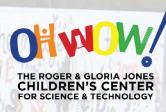
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Amy Carlos Titus – Chakra Balancing Items, Jewelry, Candles, etc.

Eleanor Earnhart (Stardog Creative) – Fiber Art, Laser cutting to create 2D & 3D artwork.

Mandie Uzarski – Crocheted items.

Stacey Squatrito (Stacey's Dolly Boutique) – Doll clothes.

Bethany Krystek – Beaded jewelry, crocheted items.

Whole Life Services (Studio C) – Hand crafted items.

Stacey Squatrito (Animal Protection League) – Dog & cat toys, etc.

Bethann Trolio (Traveling Creekside) – Treasure hunting.

Carol Moyer – gourds/rugs.

Heather Davison (Outline Identity) – Airbrush Body Art.

Susan Crisan (Sand Piper Soap Company) – Handmade Soap.

Melissa Steingrabe – Laser & engraved Art.

Michael Stefanick (Coral Works) – Watercolors.

Kelly Ryan (Kelly Ryan Designs) – Stained glass.

Jennifer Begeot (Powder Puff Crochet by Jenn) – Upcycled clothes, crochet.

Deb Baer – Handmade Jewelry

Jared Allie – Surreal Abstract Paintings

Chandler Beatty – Wild Life Paintings





Join us for

FIREWORKS!

Saturday, July 29th
Beginning after entertainment

**Special Thank You to the McConnell Family
for providing the firework display site!**



**5PM
TO
9PM**

**Thursdays:
August 10, September 14, October 5**

The Hermitage Night Market features local growers and producers, artisans, food trucks and more. Fun and family friendly night out. Make sure to bring a chair to enjoy music from some of your favorite local musicians.

Live music, grab some food, play some yard games, bring your family and your friends and stay awhile.

Follow us on Facebook @hermitagepa or check our website www.hermitage.net for more information on upcoming markets.



UPCOMING EVENTS!



City of Hermitage 

ADULT KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 5th 10:00 am

HERMITAGE ATHLETIC COMPLEX

- Teams of 12 Players, 10 minimum (3 female minimum per team)
- Individual Players welcome! (Individuals without a team will be placed on a team once registration has closed)
- LAST DAY TO REGISTER: July 22nd, \$20/Person after June 30th
- Food & Beer Vendors (This is NOT a BYOB event)

For more information email us!
parks@hermitage.net



Come see us at Night Market

There's only 3 Night Markets left this year! 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, August 10th
Jane Gregg & Max Schang

Thursday, September 14th
First annual CORN ROAST!
Ruby Mountain Music

Thursday, October 5th
Steve Vuich



CASINO BUS TRIP

Where: River Casino, Pittsburgh

Date: Wednesday, September 27th

800 N Hermitage Rd.

Loading Time: 8:45 am

Departure Time: 9:00 am

Return Time: 5:30

Cost: \$35 (non-refundable fee)

Participants will enjoy just over 5 hours of excitement at the casino and will receive \$10 in casino play.

*Minimum of 40 participants. Meals are on your own. Should you leave the casino, you MUST return by 3:30.

WWW.HERMITAGE.NET

COMMUNITY SAFETY CLASSES

PRESENTED BY: THE CITY OF HERMITAGE POLICE DEPT.

AUG 9	SEX TRAFFICKING AWARENESS 6PM-7PM
SEPT 13	SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL HEALTH/WELLNESS 6PM-7PM
OCT 11	SAFE SOCIAL MEDIA & DECISION MAKING 6PM-7PM
NOV 8	SCHOOL VIOLENCE & STUDENT THREATS 6PM-7PM

ALL CLASSES HELD AT THE CITY OF HERMITAGE MUNICIPAL OFFICES
QUESTIONS? EMAIL SSTAPLES@HERMITAGE.NET



First Annual Corn Roast!

Thursday, September 14th from 5-8pm

City of Hermitage front Lawn

During the September Night Market

Join us for the City's inaugural Corn Roast being held in conjunction with our September Night Market! City staff and Parks & Rec Board members will be roasting up tasty ears of corn for all! Corn is being donated by Lengel Brothers Farm & Market with proceeds of the roast directly benefiting Friends of Stull Nature Reserve.



FALL BALL STARTS SEPT 9TH



GAMES

Played @ Hermitage Little League Fields on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

All teams **MUST** be available to be scheduled for all game times and play 7 games

REGISTRATION

Teams: \$360

Individuals: \$30

CLOSES: August 16th

Individual registrations will be placed on a team and contacted after the close of registration.

visit: hermitage.net and click 'Register' or Scan the QR Code!



2023 Summer Camp!

The City of Hermitage and Buhl Park concluded its first successful year of merging their summer camp programs. Campers had a great time participating in themed weeks during the six-week camp. We would like to thank our sponsors for their support of our program. We would not have been able to have such a robust special guest schedule this summer without them!



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



Friends of Stull Nature Reserve

A sincere thank you to everyone who supported us during the Friends of Stull Nature Reserve Giving Week. Every contribution helps get us closer to our goal. If you're interested in the future of the Stull Nature Reserve, or would like to contribute, please reach out to parks@hermitage.net.



Buhl Park

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS June 7 through August 31

CycleLife Studios kicks it off in the mornings with their walk/run/bike group. People are encouraged to meet in the Avalon parking lot at 5:45 AM. After that, Roscoe Physiotherapy's "AquaBody" will be at the pool from 10 - 11 AM along with an open lap swim. The cost to attend this class is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is encouraged on our website, buhlpark.org but not required. During the Pool's open swim from 12 - 5 PM, a free healthy snack will be available to kids, courtesy of a collaboration with Buhl Regional Health Foundation and The Community Food Warehouse. Finally, CycleLife rounds out the evening with its series of fitness classes from 7:00 - 7:45 PM. The classes will rotate between yoga, boot camp, family fitness, and more! CycleLife classes are free to attend. Pre-registration is required for the evening classes. Please visit their website to sign up - www.cyclelifestudio.com/schedule-pa/

Any questions, email Markee at markee@buhlpark.org.

THE POOL AT BUHL PARK AND SNAPPY'S FLOATIN' BOATS Open daily from 12 PM – 8 PM

Our 2023 Pool season is off to a great start. New logo, new shades, new cabanas, new concession menu and new sponsors! We cannot thank these businesses and

organizations enough for their support: UPMC Horizon & Jameson Health Foundations, Shenango Valley Orthodontics, @HHSDR Architects & Engineers @American Legion Post 299, Banjak Heating and Cooling, Inc, Helping Hands Home Care, Sharpsville Container Corporation, Hickory VFW Post 6166, @Jac's Kitchen & Counters, Lewis & Ristvey, P.C.

**Please visit buhlpark.org/outdoorpool for more information on the schedule and pricing.*

Water sport rentals on our own Lake Julia. Kayaks, Canoes, Paddle Boards & Pedal Boats are all available to rent from our ADA-compliant dock & boat launch. Offering the freedom to explore the beautiful scenery from a different angle.

**Please visit buhlpark.org/boatrentals for more information on the schedule and pricing.*

BUHL DAY ON LABOR DAY Monday, September 4th

CALLING ALL VENDORS – any non-profit or for-profit food vendors along with organizations/businesses interested in being part of Buhl Day, & the parade please visit buhlpark.org/buhlday to submit a form or contact us for more information.

Stay tuned to the Buhl Park website and facebook page for more event details closer to the date of the event..



UPMC HEALTH PLAN

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 ~ SUNDAYS @ 6:00
Free concerts located at the Performing Arts Center Outdoor Stage



Sun., July 23	The Wrangler Band
Wed., July 26	The River Saints
Sun., July 30	The Dorals
Wed., Aug. 2	T Vaughn Blue
Sun., Aug. 6	The Four Kings & Queen
Wed., Aug. 9	The PolkaMeisters
Sun., Aug. 13	TBD
Wed., Aug. 16	Velveeta*
Sun., Aug. 20	Menagerie
Wed., Aug. 23	Liverpool Lads
Sun., Aug. 27	Jersey - The Band*
Wed., Aug. 30	Rain Date

*National/Regional touring performers

Summer '23 Bird Walk July 22@ 8am | Rain Date: July 23

NEW VIRGINIA OLD HOME DAYS

August 18th & 19 2023

Second Amendment Rally
Friday, August 18th 5:00-9:00PM

Rally info:
Mark Kasorick 724-992-1812
Monica O'Dennell 724-301-1809

Carshow, Cornhole, Ect.
Saturday, August 19th 9:00AM-6:00PM

Car & Jeep Reg. (No Fee)
Saturday, August 19th 9:00AM-12:00PM

10:00	PET PARADE
10:30	BIKE SHOW
12:00	INVOCATION/FLAG RAISING
12:30	THE 70'S CLUB MUSIC
1:00	CORNHOLE TOURN. (\$20 TEAM)
1:00-6:00	LIVE MUSIC BY BISHOP ROAD
4:00	CAR AWARDS, CHINESE AUCTION

GREAT FOOD, FRESH SQUEEZED LEMONADE, ICE CREAM

INFO: Phil Cooper **724-734-1648**

Wyatt Canon **724-854-7333**

Buhl Club Upcoming Events

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

Buhl Day 5K

Labor Day - September 4th, 2023

Start Time: 9:00 AM

Registration: At Pita (A Sandwich Shop on East State Street.)

Race begins in front of Eat'n Park and ends at Buhl Park Casino.

Parking: At starting line behind Hermitage Plaza

Shuttle Bus 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 in front of Eat'n Park on East State Street and follows the Buhl Day

parade route and ends in Buhl Park in front of the Buhl Park Casino.

Register here: <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Hermitage/HERMITAGEBUHLDAY5>

2023-2024 Dance Class Registration

August 14th, 15th, and 16th

4:00pm-6:00pm

Classes begin: September 11th

Spring Recital

May 18th, 2024.

Ages 3-18

Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical, and Hip Hop

Instructors: Michelle Bower, Megan

Johnson, Courtney Van Buren

For more information email:
info@fbuhlclub.org



Fall 1 Youth Programs Registration

Swim Lessons, Swim Team, Art and Stem Programs, Conditioning Confident Kids, Youth Basketball and more!

Register in person at the front desk or online through the member portal beginning August 21st. All programs begin September 11th.

Schedules to be posted on facebook and the website. www.buhlclub.org

Questions?

Email: info@fbuhlclub.org

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



For Children

Lego Club: Tuesdays at 4-6:30 PM

Story Time: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

Elementary Story Time: Wednesdays at 11:30 AM

Ooey Gooey Art: Fridays, Aug 4, 18, 25 at 10:30 AM

Elementary Art: Fridays at 11:30 AM

Music with Miss Jess: Friday, Aug 11 at 10:30 AM

For Teens

Anime Club- Samurai Jack: Tuesday, July 25th at 2:30 PM

Artist Craft: Wednesdays at 1:00 PM

Teen Book Club- Mistborn: Thursday, July 27 at 2:00 PM

STEAM Saturday Game Club: Saturday, July 29 @ 10:30 AM

Writing Group: Once a month dates and time TBD

Anime Club: Once a month dates and time TBD

Monthly Craft: Dates and time TBD

Gaming Club: Once a week dates and time TBD

For Adults

Writers Group: Mondays, 1:30-3 PM

Knit, Needle Work, & More: Tuesdays, 12:30-2 PM

Coloring, Coffee, and Calm: Wednesdays @ 5:00 PM

Chess Club: Thursdays, 5-7:30 PM

Gadget Workshop: Thursdays, Aug 3 & 17, Sept 7 & 21,
by appointment

Fine Arts Painting: Saturdays, Aug 12 & 26, Sept 9 & 23
at 10:30 AM

Adult DIY: Wednesdays, Aug 16, & Sept 20 at 6:00 PM

Great Issues Discussion: Thursday, Aug 10, & Sept 14 at 2:00 PM

Afternoon Book Club: Thursday, Aug 24, Sept 28 at 2:00 PM

Evening Book Club: Wednesday, Aug 23, Sept 27 at 6:00 PM

Ancestry Workshop: Tuesdays, Aug 22, & Sept 26 at 2:00 PM

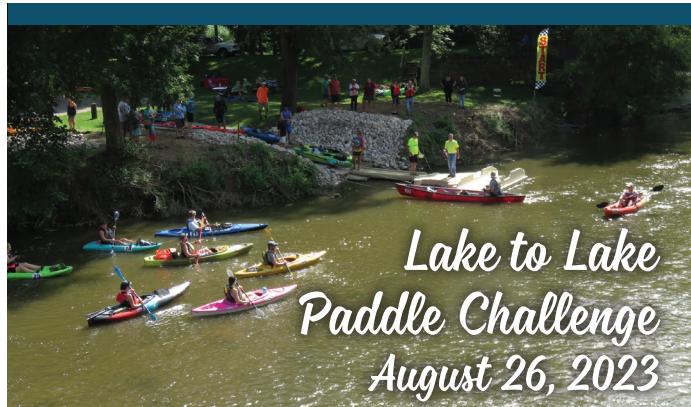
Westinghouse Superfund Community Information

Session with the EPA: Wednesday, Aug 2, 5:30-7:30 PM.

**All programs are free and open to the public. Call the library for more information or to sign up for an event.*

Stay tuned for more information on our biannual Friends of the Library Book Sale, coming in October!

Shenango River Watchers



730 Forker Blvd Hermitage, PA 16148
(724)342-5453

FOR MORE EVENT INFO VISIT
SHENANGORIVERWATCHERS.ORG

SCAN ME



Shenango River Watchers FALL PADDLE FEST

September 30, 2023

Registration 7:30AM - 10:30AM
Pymatuning State Park

Join us for a float down the Shenango River

\$15 per paddler via online registration
\$20 event day registration

Busing from Riverside Park to Pymatuning will be provided. Buses run every 30 minutes starting at 8:00 AM.

Launch at Pymatuning State Park

float to Riverside Park

(9 miles, ~3.5 hours Class 1 Water)

Restrooms Available at launch, mid-float (Halfway Rd),
and at take out

Lunch provided @ Riverside Park, Greenville
11:30AM-3:30PM

shenangoriverwatchers.org

The 30 Mile Challenge – Competitive Class
The 15 Mile Challenge – Adventure Class

The Lake to Lake Paddle Challenge is a timed paddlecraft challenge for all skill levels. The event will be held on the class 1, Shenango River Water Trail. Participants have the choice of two distances starting at one of two starting points:

30 Mile Challenge

Check-in:
August 26, 2023
6:00 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.

Pymatuning State Park
15769 Water Trail Drive
Jamestown, PA 16134

GPS Coordinates: 41.4985270417305,
-80.45865769158009

Start Time:
9:00 A.M.

15 Mile Challenge

Check-in:
August 26, 2023
8:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

Kidd's Mill Covered Bridge
West Kidd's Mill Road
Transfer, PA 16154

GPS Coordinates: 41.354194791624145,
-80.39786005668815

Rolling Start Times:
11:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Contact:

Carmen Aiello
caiello@visitmercercountypa.com
724-614-2769

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County PA**

WWW.LAKETOLAKEPADDLE.COM



SHENANGO RIVER WATCHERS

River Cleanups

SATURDAY JULY 15TH
SATURDAY AUGUST 5TH



40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

An Evening Amongst the Stars

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF FEEDING PEOPLE IN MERCER COUNTY

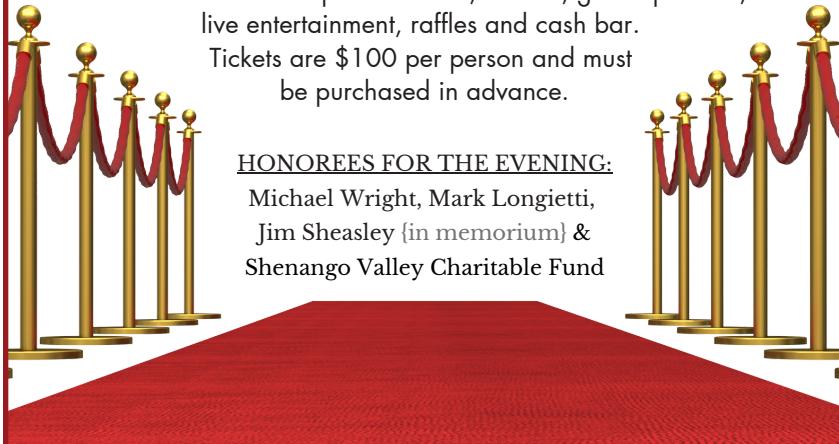
October 7th, 2023  **Avalon Golf and Country Club**
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm **1030 Forker Blvd. Hermitage, PA**

The Gala features a plated dinner, dessert, guest speakers, live entertainment, raffles and cash bar.

Tickets are \$100 per person and must be purchased in advance.

HONOREES FOR THE EVENING:

Michael Wright, Mark Longietti,
Jim Sheasley {in memorium} &
Shenango Valley Charitable Fund



Join us in congratulating the Community Food Warehouse and its honorees with an ad in the evening's program. Ad space is limited and deadline to purchase is **September 1st, 2023** or upon availability.

PROGRAM ADVERTISING OPTIONS

Full Page **1/2 Page** **1/4 Page**
5" x 8" 5" x 4" 5" x 2"

If you have any questions about advertising, would like to reserve tickets to attend, or are interested in sponsoring the event, please contact Patty Tucker, SpecialEvents Coordinator at **724-981-0353 ext 103** or ptucker@foodwarehouse.org.

Hermitage Historical Society

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

The Hermitage Historical Society and Sharon Historical Society are in the midst of creating a book highlighting historical homes in Hermitage, PA. The book is due out in August so stay tuned for information on how to purchase one. Thank you to everyone who helped with information for the book and/or allowed their homes to be part of this book. If anybody is interested in helping the historical society with the costs of the book, please know that your donations are tax deductible.

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 only \$10 (rain or shine).

Upcoming Dates:

September 9

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

Tuesday, September 19

@ 7:00pm

New Members

Are Always Welcome:

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

FREE PENNSYLVANIA RESOURCES COUNCIL'S TRAVELING GLASS RECYCLING BIN



Saturday, September 30th – Thursday, October 5th
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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 and 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.

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.

Bulk Cleanup

The final bulk cleanup of the year is scheduled for the week of September 25, 2023 (on regular collection day).

Special Collections

As part of the solid waste recycling and the yard waste contract the City has signed with Tri-County Industries, residents may take their **electronics** to the City Garage, located on Virginia Road. Collection hours will be held year-round on the first and third Friday (Except on shut down days. Please see the

City of Hermitage Calendar for a list of building closures) of each month from 7 a.m. to Noon. Please contact Kathy at the City Garage (724) 342-0210 with any drop-off questions. ***A \$10 tag must be purchased before drop off. Price of tag is per electronic item***

Appliances (freon must be removed with a certificate attached for refrigerators, freezers, and dehumidifiers) and **tires** (4 at a time) can also be dropped off at the City Garage (no tag needed) between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday except for holidays.

Proof of Hermitage residency is required

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.

Help improve our local environment by planting wildflowers! Not only do these meadows look gorgeous, but they serve as food for pollinators and promote biodiversity on a local level. They also aid in reducing water runoff!

Every resident can help to preserve our environment and water resources.

www.stormwaterpa.org
www.dcnr.pa.gov



Hermitage School District Central Admin

2023 Graduation honored many senior successes

Spring is always an active time in the Hermitage School District. Our students are busy with academic, athletic, and musical competitions and performances; many students earn awards for their outstanding

achievements, and our teachers already begin preparing for summer academies and the next school year. First, we were happy to celebrate 162 seniors who earned over \$4.1 million dollars in scholarships, with three of our seniors

committing to the noble career of the Armed forces. Additionally, we were pleased to award the Betty Lou Artman Humanitarian award to Austin McKinney.

Emmett Walzer honored for highest chorus accomplishments

The School Board of Directors was pleased to recognize class of '23 graduate, Emmett Walzer, for having achieved the highest accomplishments in chorus. Emmett was selected for Honors Chorus from all surrounding counties in 2021; advanced to District and Regional Chorus from all surrounding counties in 2022; auditioned for and successfully

advanced to the 2022 All-State Chorus. With the accomplishment of All-State chorus, Emmett auditioned and was selected for National Association for Music Educators (NAFME) All-East Choir, and was the only student from Mercer county to be selected. Congratulations to Emmett for this outstanding achievement!



(Left to Right) School Board president, Tim Kizak, Emmett, Gregory, and Nicole Walzer, and Choral instructor, Brandy Rockage

IES/DMS students take top three spots Mercer County Spelling Bee

Another important accomplishment took place with our DMS/Ionta students representing HSD proudly. Our students took first, second and third place in the Mercer County Spelling Bee competition, which took place in

Lakeview SD! 6th grader, Octavia Long, was the Mercer County Spelling Bee champion; Matthew Wible, 4th grade, earned second place; and 5th grader, Kaleb Lowry, captured third place. Congratulations to all three!



(Left to Right) Matthew Wible, Octavia Long, Kaleb Lowry

Ionta Elementary School

Grade 5 Students Experience JA BizTown

Hello Hermitage Community Members! I am excited to share with all of our Hermitage families the amazing and wonderful experience our fifth grade students at Ionta Elementary School encountered at the Junior Achievement (JA) BizTown Facility located in Bridgeville Pennsylvania. JA BizTown is the name for Junior Achievement's experiential-based elementary school Capstone Program.

What exactly is JA BizTown? BizTown is a program that encompasses

important aspects of work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy, providing students in grades four through six with a solid foundation of business, economics, and free enterprise education. The program content is designed to augment students' core curriculum in social studies, language arts, and mathematics.

Prior to our students traveling to BizTown, fifth grade social studies teacher Mr. Eric Horvath was responsible for preparing our students for their



very own personal job and work-related responsibilities, through daily lessons, hands-on activities and active participation in a simulated community.



Students were encouraged to use critical thinking skills as they learned and studied key economic concepts. Our students developed a strong understanding of the relationship between what they learn in school and their successful participation in a local economy.

JA BizTown is designed to meet the needs of a diverse group of students by providing engaging, academically enriched experiential lessons. Following participation in the BizTown experience,

students are prepared to complete the following:

- ✓ Discuss the roles they, as citizens, play in their community as workers and consumers, and relate these personal roles to the free enterprise system.
- ✓ Discuss the importance of citizen's rights and responsibilities in a community.
- ✓ Demonstrate a basic understanding of the free enterprise system.
- ✓ Explain the importance of philanthropy in our communities.
- ✓ Build money management skills through a practical knowledge of economic concepts and banking practices.
- ✓ Develop an understanding of basic business practices and responsibilities.

✓ Display the soft skills necessary for successful participation in the world of work.



Ionta Elementary School proudly thanks JA BizTown and their team for helping us to prepare our students for a lifetime of learning and academic achievement.

Hermitage High School

HHS welcomes Vincent D'Angelo as new 8-10 principal

Dear Hermitage community,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself as the new principal at Hickory High School for grades 8-10. I am honored to join the Hickory High School family, and I know it comes with great responsibility.

Although new to Hickory High School, I have been with the district for seven years serving as an instructional coach and as K-7 Dean of Students. The past seven years have created a love for our community and district. I am a resident of the district, and I have a child that attends Artman Elementary School. I am

now excited to be part of the Hickory High School story.

I am dedicated to working collaboratively to understand our needs in the community, and to implement innovative strategies that will allow for a positive and student-centered environment promoting academic excellence and social-emotional growth. I understand our students' educational experience is not defined solely within the walls of the school. Rather, it is a part of the collective experience within our larger community. Together, we will create positive

experiences and wonderful stories.

I am excited to work together, as we are part of a vibrant learning community that is dedicated to our children and students. This is the reason I love our district. Thank you for welcoming me into the Hickory High School Family, and I look forward to the 2023-24 school year being the first of many successful school years to come.

Sincerely,

Vincent D'Angelo
Hickory High School
8-10 Principal

37 Seniors earn AAA Award during 2023 graduation ceremony

Hickory High School was proud to celebrate the 162 seniors who earned their diplomas at the June 9, 2023 ceremony. Among the awards given, 37 seniors from the Class of 2023 earned the Barbara A. Dzuricsko Award for Excellence in Academics, the Arts, & Athletics. This was the 21st year this award was presented to students in the

graduating class who achieved high Academics for 4 years, participated in the Arts for 4 years, and participated in Athletics for all 4 years of their high school careers. Thank you to these AAA award winners for continuing the tradition of a well-rounded education.



Summer Has Arrived at Artman Elementary

That's a Wrap

Summer has arrived at Artman Elementary and planning for the 23-24 school year is well under way. The end of a school year brings many emotions for our students and staff. The students are excited to enter their next grade, but are sad to say goodbye to the classroom community that they are leaving. Our final week ended with our yearly tradition of field day. Field day was coordinated by the wonderful Artman PTO and Mr. Valenly, our physical education teacher. The day concluded with our 3rd grade awards ceremony in which we recognized many members of the class. We also took the opportunity at the awards ceremony to 'pass the torch' onto the outgoing 2nd graders to become the leaders of Artman when they move into 3rd grade next year. Best of luck to those students moving onto Ionta and we are excited to be welcoming the Class of 2036 into kindergarten!

Don't Forget to Register for Kindergarten

As we plan for the upcoming year, it is important to remind parents of children who will be age five by September 1, 2023, that it is not too late to register for kindergarten. We encourage parents to call the school registration office at 724-981-8750 ext. 6000 with any questions. Additionally, all registration information is posted on the school district website at <https://hermitagesd.net>. Please do not wait until the last minute to register. We do our best to balance classes, coordinate transportation, and give students a great start. In order to do that, we need to have everyone registered as early as possible.

Girls on the Run

This spring we were excited that 30 girls from 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades had the opportunity to participate in the first year of the Girls on the Run after-school program. Girls on the Run is a nationwide program that inspires girls of all abilities to recognize their individual strengths while building a sense of connection in a team setting. Coaches facilitated lessons that blended physical activity with life skill development to

enable girls to adapt to whatever comes their way. The team was coached by school counselor, Kayla Lockhart, and teachers, Jennie Kemper, Marly Nichols, Courtnie Roberts, and Amber Haywood.

At the end of the season the team completed a 5K together at the Waterfront in Pittsburgh. This event provided a sense of accomplishment and set a confident mindset into motion for each girl. We are thankful to have been a part of such a wonderful



experience and look forward to next year already! Thank you to all the girls and families who participated in our first GOTR 5K!

Back to School Bash 2023

The annual Back to School Bash is Wednesday, August 16, 3:00 to 5:00 PM, at the new location of St. Michael's Center, 2230 Highland Road, Hermitage PA, 16148. All area students of any grade are welcome to come! This wonderful event involves many local vendors where students are able to obtain back-to-school supplies, backpacks and other items that they may need for school at no charge. School supplies, backpacks, and services are offered on a first come,

first serve basis. Last year we were able to supply more than 500 local students with backpacks and school supplies!

This year we would like to thank our committee members for all of their hard work on planning such a great event! Thank you to Kristen Kudelko (FNB), Lisa Tovcimak-Smith (Link the Valley), Kylee Lewis (Walberg Family Pharmacies), Bonnie Dickson and Tracy Schliep (Community Advocates), Erin Flaherty-Harris (PHN), and Kayla Lockhart (Artman Elementary School).

FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES & RESOURCES

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News and Updates

eCenter LindenPointe

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The eCenter@LindenPointe continues to be the launchpad for technology-based startups and helps individuals turn their business ideas

into a reality. The business incubator recently welcomed new tenants to their co-working space. The eCenter also welcomed a new tenant (formerly a co-working client) to Suite 103. CUPOD LLC designs and manufactures machines that dispense a powerful yet safe disinfecting solution that is created

when pure water is gently reacted with reagent-filled pods. Initially targeting the foodservice industry, CUPOD is positioning itself as a leader of green solutions that help keep plastic bottles out of landfills.



The Pennsylvania Cybersecurity Center, created in partnership with the

eCenter and ForceNow, LLC, will be launching in the fall of 2023. The PCC has partnered with local high schools, colleges, universities, and the career center to offer classes to participants of all ages. High school students will have the opportunity to become CompTIA

certified while college students and adult learners can also become Cisco CCNA certified. These programs will prepare individuals to fill the 750,000 open cybersecurity jobs across the United States, with 24,000 of them being in Pennsylvania.

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The incredible team of Lydia Aiupyy (Hickory '23), Joseph DeRaleau (Union '23) & Natalie Ostheimer (Sharon '23) recently won first place at the eAcademy's Demo Day pitch competition. The eAcademy is an entrepreneurship program that teaches high school seniors small business management. Winning \$1,350.00 in cash, consultations with finance, legal, and social media advisors, continued mentorship from the eAcademy Program Director, Katie Parr, and a spot as a co-worker in the eCenter Business Incubator, these young entrepreneurs have decided to continue their startup journey.

They have recently applied for their LLC and Shared Kitchen Facility agreement (and are awaiting approval on both),



but you can already find their Google Business Page, Facebook Business Profile, and Instagram Business Profile active online. They have also added a fourth member to their team, Antonio Faraone (Union '22), of New Castle, PA. They will be partnering with Faraone Brothers, Inc, Antonio's family catering business, to utilize their industrial kitchen to craft their Incrediballs.

They state, "Our solution to the messy,

bland, and sugar-packed traditional granola bar is to create a bite-sized, nutritious, and delicious granola ball. Our snack is hand crafted to fit your busy schedule. Customers can choose from a variety of flavors curated with the best ingredients with your overall health and wellness in mind."

With great enthusiasm, they have introduced their first three official flavors: Base Balls, Island Balls, and Zesty Balls!

They have been working on additional recipes with over a dozen flavors in the works thus far and hope to introduce more to the market once their brand is more widely recognized.

Their Base Balls, delectable peanut butter pretzel balls, emerged as a protein-packed treat crafted from rolled oats, granola, peanut butter, honey, and gluten-free pretzels. Transporting taste buds to a tropical paradise, their Island Balls are infused with chocolate and coconut, evoking the sensation of a blissful vacation. They are skillfully prepared using rolled oats, granola, coconut shavings, sea salt, hazelnut spread, and honey. The final addition to their trio of granola balls are the Zesty Balls, a refreshing snack that combines



rolled oats, granola, dried blueberries, almond butter, honey, lemon zest, and lemon extract, creating a harmonious burst of flavors.

Recently, Incrediballs accomplished a significant milestone by fulfilling their first official order from the Olympic Fun Center for the national skating competition that was held on June 14th. They sold 200 packs of Incrediballs! The feedback they received was nothing but positive and we hope that after reading this article, you, too, will help support these young, local entrepreneurs and order some Incrediballs!

Order yours today by contacting the team at Incrediballslc@gmail.com.

From the Fire Chief

Chief Flynn, City of Hermitage, Hermitage Fire Department

When it comes time to think quickly, you need to have a go-to plan and then a back-up plan. Humans are creatures of habit. We do things the same way over and over, it becomes second nature. We don't even think about doing it. The problem comes when something throws us off that routine. Why do I bring this up? I bring this up because you must have an exit plan during an emergency. How will you get out if the way you came in, is blocked? If you haven't planned for

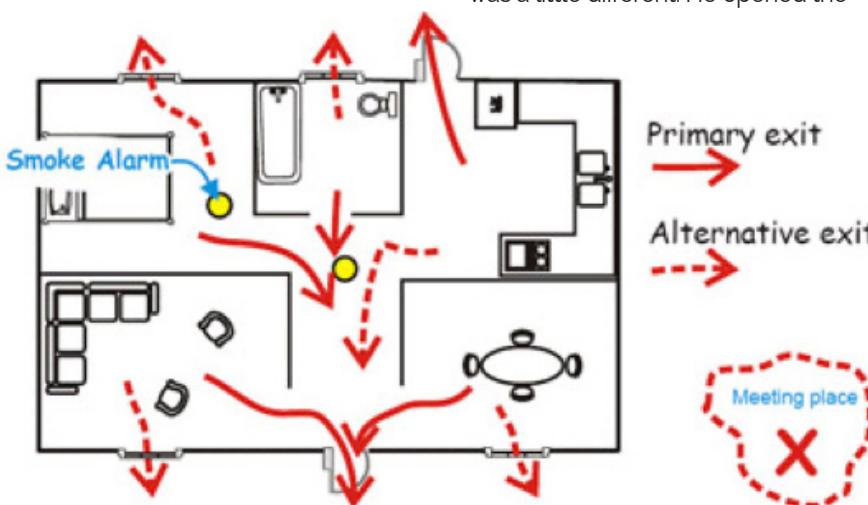
a contingency, panic will set in and who knows what you will do.

Recently we had a structure fire. The fire happened early in the morning while the family was sleeping. Their normal path of egress was blocked by fire. The teenager opens her door to investigate, realizing her normal path of egress was blocked. She quickly shut the bedroom door, smashed out the window and jumped out to safety. Her father's story was a little different. He opened the



bedroom door and was met with high heat and dense smoke from the ceiling to the floor. His normal exit to his vehicle, which he used every morning and night, was blocked by the fire. He told me he panicked and froze. At that moment he thought he was going to die. He didn't know what to do. His wife, with her plan B, yelled to him to break out the windows and jump to safety. As they did that, they received multiple cuts, but the alternative was to stay with plan A and most likely become a fire statistic. He told me if it wasn't for her having a back-up escape plan, they might not have made it out. He said, "she is a true hero".

Whether you are at home or out on the town, always have another exit plan. Be aware of your surroundings. We watch on



the news major incidents where people get crushed or trampled trying to exit out of a facility when there are other exits that no one is using. When I go into a restaurant and they seat me at a table, I always look for an alternate exit. I will most likely not use the same door I came in from if there is an emergency. Why? I know everyone else will be rushing for that door.

If it is a fire, active shooter, earthquake, or even a medical emergency, know where your closest exit is located and have a backup plan in case that exit is



blocked. If you have ever flown before, the flight attendant always points out the exits to you prior to leaving. Make sure

you take a moment and look around. Get to know your surroundings. The closest exit might be right next to you. The International Fire Code provides requirements for businesses on how many exits are required for the occupancy load and type of occupancy. These codes are there for our safety and have been put in place because of lessons learned from previous incidents.

Please remember to look around and have a plan B.

From the Desk of the Treasurer

Bernie Harry, City Treasurer

Hello Summer! County/City tax bills saw no change in amount and were mailed on March 1, 2023.

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 paying more than one County/City bill, they may be combined to one check. The same holds true for multiple Per Capita 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 2nd, 2024, all unpaid Per Capita bills will be turned over to Sharp Collections.

Anyone moving to or from Hermitage

is encouraged to notify our office to either add you to our Per Capita and census or to remove you as needed. All residents over the age of 18 are required to pay Per Capita. The face amount this year is \$30.00.

There is a partial exoneration from Per Capita if your annual income is less than \$12,000.00 from all sources, but you must come into the office with proof of income each year. This level has been raised from the previous amount of \$10,000.00. For a total exoneration, you must show proof of income under \$5000.00 annually.

School Real Estate taxes, which also are mailed August 1st, remain the same for the 2023 billing, but will reflect an increase in the assessed value of our Homestead Exemption to 2046.00, making this year's discount amount \$136.48. If you have purchased a new home or made any change to your deed, you may need to re-apply. We will be glad to help you through that, so just call our office.

The school board has again approved a resolution for 2023 School taxes ONLY, decreasing the penalty to 0% on all School taxes paid through December 31st, 2023.



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 needing a receipt. If you mail your bill, kindly include both parts along with your self-addressed stamped envelope, and we will gladly return your stamped receipt.

Always notify us if you have not received your bills.

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

As always, our office is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for your questions and comments either in person, or by phone @ 724-347-4472. We will be happy to assist you whenever possible.



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