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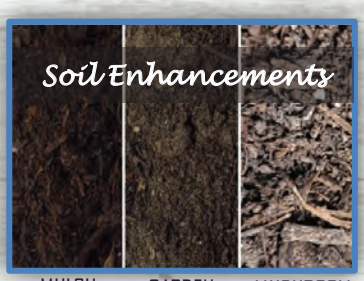
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Building a Better Future for Erie County

By State Rep. Bob Merski, D-Erie, representing the 2nd Legislative District

As we bask in the brilliance of summer—with its long, sun-soaked days and vibrant evenings that bring our community together—I am thrilled to share with you some forward-thinking initiatives we have been passionately advancing—both here in Harborcreek Township and in Harrisburg.

Our local infrastructure is receiving a remarkable boost. The Depot Road improvement project, a $13.5 million initiative, is well underway and progressing smoothly in Harborcreek Township. This ambitious project is transforming the 1.3-mile stretch of Depot Road (Route 531) from just south of Interstate 90 to just north of McGill Road. With Phase 1 already completed—featuring the replacement of the concrete ramps at the I-90 interchange and significant enhancements to the environmental stormwater systems—the project is now moving confidently into phases 2 and 3.

These phases include a complete roadway reconstruction, widening of shoulders, adjustments to the slope, and the addition of a turn lane in front of Clark Elementary School, along with updated drainage systems, pavement markings, signage, and guiderails. Each step is being executed with precision to ensure a safer and more efficient transportation corridor that benefits everyone who relies on this route.

The next initiative we wanted to highlight is the extension of the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program application deadline, now available until Dec. 31, 2025. This vital program has served as a financial savior for countless Pennsylvania homeowners and renters, lifting burdens and easing the strain of rising costs. Recent improvements in eligibility criteria have already resulted in over 522,000 individual rebates, disbursing a total of $319 million throughout the state.

Since its launch in 1971, the program has delivered more than $8.6 billion in relief, reinforcing its role as an essential resource for families navigating economic challenges. By extending the deadline, we're ensuring that even more eligible residents have the opportunity to apply and benefit from this assistance, which has made a transformative difference in so many lives. Our steadfast commitment is to extend support to every segment of our community, prioritizing those who need it most.

Moreover, I am excited to share another landmark achievement that touches the very heart of our future. Alongside my colleague state Rep. Pat Harkins, we helped secure a $1 million grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Dual Credit Innovation Grant Program.

This significant investment will expand dual credit opportunities at Erie County Community College and directly benefit our local students—including those from Harbor Creek High School—by allowing them to enroll in rigorous, college-level courses while still in high school. Through this program, Harbor Creek High School students can earn college credit as they fulfill their high school curricula, giving them a head start on their college education, reducing future tuition costs, and enhancing their competitiveness in an increasingly demanding workforce.

Our office remains committed to assisting you with any government-related needs. You are always welcome to visit the district office at 3921 Buffalo Road in Erie, call us at (814) 455-6319, or explore resources on my webpage at RepMerski.com.

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Garden Before Football

There has never been a line at the garden center waiting to discuss the list of tasks necessary to put your garden to rest for the winter. I believe for many avid gardeners the lack of interest in fall garden chores might simply be that the novelty has worn off. The weeks of planting, weeding, watering etc. have been fun but it's time to watch football, the garden can wait. I would like to give you a few motivators that may inspire you to get up early, give the garden the love it deserves before kickoff.

First removing old plant material and weeds just might reduce any lingering inoculant of an issue from the current growing season. This could be in the veggie garden or around the lilac that got a touch of mildew this season. Removing weeds like henbit or ground ivy will hinder their ability to spread during the cool season.

In any bed that is used for annuals (I know perennial/ annual is always confusing) which gets cleaned to bare soil, fall is the absolute best time to add organic matter. I often say mushroom compost added in the fall is like magic pixie dust for any soil. The addition of organic matter is the "fix all" for soil composition. What does this pixie dust achieve you ask? Better drainage in wet season, even moisture retention during dry season and improved nutrient retention and distribution to plants. Consider starting your own compost pile because once you realize the value of broken down dark organic matter in the garden you will never have enough.



A few more simple tasks to not overlook this fall. First late season lawn fertilization is commonly skipped; the fall feeds are high in potassium (the 3rd number on the package) which aids in winter hardiness and defends against winter season disease. Another fading practice seems to be fall bulb planting. I cannot tell you how many people I have disappointed by telling them that to enjoy those beautiful yellow daffodils or fragrant hyacinths they see blooming at their neighbor's house they must be planted in the garden in the fall; they need many weeks of cold to prepare for spring blooms. There is no lack of interest in these colorful blooms every year, possibly just a lack of awareness of their need to sleep in the cold winter ground. My final fall tip for the garden might seem more like an ominous warning. The past few seasons in our local area has been ravaged by the dreaded Japanese Beetle. If you were not aware that your summer beetle then reproduces and turns into the dreaded white grub, tell your friends, you heard it here first. The danger of these young grubs is that they feed aggressively among the root system of your grassy areas causing it to die a slow and patchy death throughout the winter months. This can be prevented using synthetic grub controls or the natural bacteria form known as Milky Spore.

I commonly hear the comment that as we get older it seems like there is less and less time to do the things we love. Gardening is a labor of love but I firmly believe that fall preparation will ultimately save us time and improve results as the spring rush of activity returns to your garden.

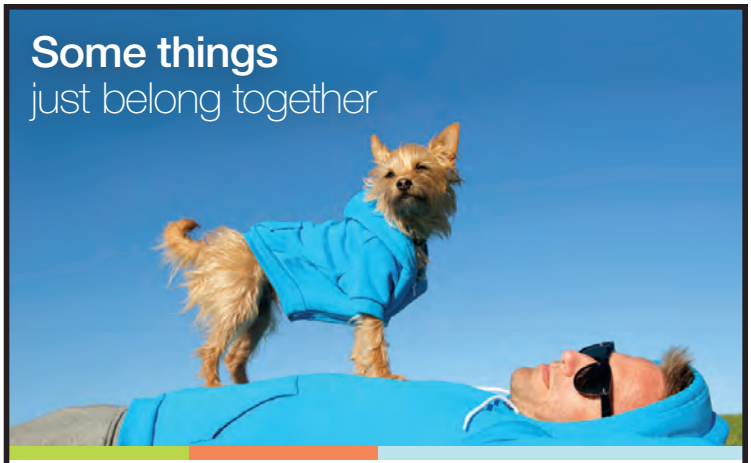


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Does Your Summer Landscape Need Bulk or Bagged Mulch?

It's that time of year where we find ourselves renewing our yards, landscaping and mulch beds. When flying to the store while the sun is out with cash on hand and a list of to-do's and to-buys you may be faced with deciding just how to buy your mulch. By "how" I mean in what form: bulk or bagged. When deciding between bulk and bagged mulch, the best choice depends on the scale of your project, your budget, and your preference for your own time management and convenience. Bulk mulch is generally cheaper and often fresher, while bagged mulch is easier to handle and can be stored for later use. Let's break it down:

Bulk Mulch:

Cost: Typically less expensive per cubic yard than bagged mulch.
Quality: Bulk mulch can be fresher as it's often ground and sold more recently than bagged mulch.
Quantity: Bulk mulch is ideal for larger projects that require a significant amount of mulch.
Convenience: Delivery is usually available, but it may require a larger delivery fee and a minimum order quantity.
Storage: Bulk mulch requires more storage space and may need to be covered to prevent decomposition or weather damage.

Bagged Mulch:

Cost: Bagged Mulch is generally more expensive per cubic yard than bulk mulch.
Quality: Bagged mulch may be older than bulk, and the quality can vary depending on the source. It also holds moisture and may contain mold spores.
Quantity: Bagged mulch is suitable for smaller projects or when you need to control the amount of mulch you use.
Convenience: Bagged mulch is easy to handle and transport, and it doesn't require a wheelbarrow or shovel.
Storage: Bagged mulch can be stored for later use.

Considerations:

Project Size: For larger projects, bulk mulch is more cost-effective. For smaller projects, bagged mulch is more convenient.
Storage Space: If you have limited storage space, bagged mulch is a better choice.
Delivery: Consider whether you have access to delivery services and if you need to pay extra for it.
Quality: If you prioritize freshness and consistent quality, bulk mulch may be a better choice.
Labor: Bulk mulch requires manual labor for spreading and moving, while bagged mulch is easier to handle.

In Conclusion:

The best choice between the two depends on your individual needs and preferences. Weigh the pros and cons for each option to determine which method best suits your project and budget. Ace Supply offers a solution to those of you who want bulk material quality in smaller quantities: Bring your 5 gallon bucket and fill it for only $3.00!



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Infrastructure renewal is prioritized based on several key factors, including the frequency and cost of repairs, service reliability, and water loss. In this case, the existing mains were replaced with new 8-inch ductile iron pipe to enhance system performance and improve fire protection. The project was designed in-house by our engineering team, with construction awarded to Chivers Construction. Funding was made possible through PENNVEST low-interest loans. The total project cost was just under $1.2M.



Construction crews preparing to install the Knoll Ave. tie-in to the 12-inch water main along Buffalo Road.

Heat Stroke and Heat Exhaustion in Dogs

Heat stroke, also known as hyperthermia, occurs when a dog severely overheats. Overheating in a dog is when the body reaches temperatures of 104 degrees or more. This is most common in the spring and summer months – when weather turns warm and the dog has not yet acclimated to it. The good news is if the heat stroke hasn't advanced too far you can help your dog recover.

One thing to Note: Dogs don't have sweat glands, so they can dispel heat only by panting and through the pads of their feet. Make sure your pet has plenty of cool water and shade during hot weather.



The Most Common Causes of Heat Stroke Are:

1. If the dog has suffered a previous heat stroke episode.

2. Breed predispositions to heat stroke, like dogs with short snouts: an example would be bulldogs, which are particularly susceptible.

3. Dogs left in parked cars and dogs not used to or acclimated to warmer weather climates.

4. Excessive exercise in hot, humid weather: this may be exercise that your dog can usually handle but in cooler weather.

5. Lack of appropriate shelter when outdoors.

6. Dogs who experience prolonged seizures.

7. Thick-coated dogs in warm climates.

8. An underlying illness.

What You Can Do:

1. Get your dog out of direct heat.

2. Check for shock: pale gums, rapid and shallow breathing, a weak or rapid heartbeat and lethargy are all signs that your dog is in shock.

3. Take your dog's temperature: ear thermometers and rectal thermometers can be purchased at a pet supply store and are best to be kept on hand during the warm months. Never use a human thermometer, it won't be accurate for your pet.

4. Spray your dog with cool water.

5. Place water-soaked towels on the dog's head, neck, feet, chest, and abdomen.

6. Turn on a fan and point in your dog's direction.

7. Rub isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol on your dog's foot pads to help cool him, but do not use large quantities – no more than one cup.

8. Immediately take your dog to the nearest veterinary hospital.

The goal is to decrease the body temperature in the first 10- 15 minutes. Once a temperature of 103 is reached, stop the cooling process and let your dog continue to cool on its own. Even if you successfully cool your pet down, you must take him to see a veterinarian as soon as possible because many consequences of hyperthermia won't show up for hours or even days. Some of these conditions can be fatal if not treated medically.

Potential Problems Include:

1. Abnormal heart rhythms

2. Destruction of the digestive tract lining, leading to bloody vomiting or diarrhea.

3. Kidney failure.

4. Neurological problems including seizures and swelling of the brain.

5. Problems with blood clotting.

6. Respiratory arrest.

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What You Need to Know About Pennsylvania's New Driving Law



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Starting June 5, 2025, a new law takes effect in Pennsylvania that all drivers should know about. It bans the use of handheld cell phones and most electronic devices while driving. If you're caught breaking the law, you could receive a $50 fine.

Distracted Driving: A Serious Issue

According to PennDOT, distracted driving was the leading cause of crashes in Pennsylvania in 2023: 11,262 crashes were linked to distracted driving. In comparison, 8,330 crashes involved alcohol. This law aims to reduce these numbers and improve safety for everyone on the road.

What Is Paul Miller's Law?

The new law is named in honor of Paul Miller, Jr., a 21-year-old man tragically killed in 2010 by a distracted driver. Paul was a junior at East Stroudsburg University and had planned to pursue a career in law enforcement or criminal justice.

Paul's mother, Eileen Miller, became a national advocate for distracted driving reform. Thanks to her efforts, Governor Josh Shapiro signed the bill into law in 2024, making Pennsylvania the 29th state to ban handheld device use while driving.

Key Details of the Law

What's Prohibited:

- Sending, reading, or typing any text-based communication while driving.
- Using handheld mobile devices while the vehicle is in motion or temporarily stopped, such as at red lights or in traffic.

Exceptions:

- If the vehicle is pulled off the road and safely parked.
- During emergencies to contact law enforcement or emergency services.
- Use of GPS devices and systems built into the vehicle is still allowed.

Enforcement and Penalties

June 5, 2025 – June 4, 2026: First-time offenders will receive a written warning.
Starting June 5, 2026: Violations will result in a $50 fine, plus court costs and fees.
If a distracted driver causes a fatal crash, they may face up to five additional years in prison if convicted of homicide by vehicle.

Promoting Fairness in Enforcement

To ensure fair and unbiased policing, officers are now required to record the race, ethnicity, and gender of each driver they stop under the law. This data will be included in an annual public report.

A Safer Road Ahead

This law is about more than fines—it's about saving lives. By staying focused behind the wheel and putting phones away, we can all help make Pennsylvania's roads safer. Let's honor Paul Miller's memory and commit to driving without distractions.

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Sell Property Solutions: Serving Our Community Since 2013



We were selected 10 years ago to take Landlord 101 with John Baldwin. 10 year anniversary this year, we taught landlord 101 with Billy Jo & Damon Higby and John Baldwin was our guest.

Walking in to a row house that sat unoccupied for over 50 years is much like opening a time capsule. With its peeling paint hanging down overhead like stalactites, floor creeks, ornate antique fixtures and faded impressions of old floral paper on the walls, one can place themselves back in time and envision the family that chose these very walls and made a life here, complete with all its memories. However, that is the past, and as we all know, time marches forward and if we are lucky, it marches us onward and upward. Places get renewed and find new families to create new memories.

It was a house just like this that we paid a visit, to witness the Sell Property Team as they worked away turning an old house with its old stories into a fresh beautiful new home, ready for new beginnings.

With so many properties in the area, across a wide spectrum of types and styles, you may recognize the name Sell if you are in the market to move.

So, we sat down with owners Joe and Cindy Sell to ask them about their last decade of work in our community and here is what they had to say:

1. When was Sell Property Solutions Formed?

"Our business was officially launched in 2013. After moving back to our hometown community of Harborcreek, we chose to form a company using our specific skill sets in building and rehabbing to contribute to the revitalization of the town we grew up in and love so much."

2. Roughly how many properties have you handled and flipped, and how many rentals do you have?

"We have rehabbed well over 100 rentals and houses in the ten plus years that we have been operating in the community. This includes rentals that we own and manage with our team of workers in Harborcreek, Greene Township, Lawrence Park, Wesleyville, and both the East and West Side of Erie. We are also in the process of buying a group of 22 properties in North East as well!"

3. You mentioned Harborcreek as your home town, fill us in.

"We both grew up here and both graduated from Harborcreek: class of 1994 (Joe) and 1989 (Cindy). The Sell family has lived in and been a part of Harborcreek for over 100 years. The original homestead, which is still in our family, is located on the corner of Station and Peck."

Mike Zuber-Real Estate Professional- Podcast Host.



4. We love hearing about the company, but tell us a little more about you!

"The Erie News has showcased us for the last two years for us dressing up as Mr. and Mrs. Clause at Christmas time. We pass out poinsettias to our tenants and the many businesses that we work with. During the rest of the year we take doughnuts to these businesses. We have also been working to help coach investors in how to be successful, care for tenants, lenders, and pay bills on time."



Mr. & Mrs. Clause with John Laste and the last word.

5. Tell us about some notable properties.

"We actually purchased our first rental in Erie back in 1996 before we were married. We were young and had no idea how to be landlords. We fixed up the first floor to live in ourselves, and rented out the second floor to tenants. During the 18 years of living there we learned that land lording required a vast skill set and much responsibility. As our family grew through these years, the extra rental income kept us from hardship on different occasions. Ultimately, we outgrew the home and decided to move back to Harborcreek. We still owed on this initial Erie property and with the advice of some good people surrounding us, we decided to fix up the house and keep it as a rental. It was at this time that we were advised to get involved with the Apartment Association and learn to be better landlords. We joined the Apartment Association of Northwest Pennsylvania and that is where our adventure officially began.

Another notable property is one we recently acquired and have just finished: 1051 Priestly Ave is a row house in Lawrence Park that, for whatever reason, wasn't lived in for over 50 years. We had been in touch with the owners many times asking to buy it. We knew we could use our skill set and experience to make this into a working livable family home again. After many conversations we bought the house in December of 2024. It was a clean slate having no electric, gas or water. It had no kitchen, no bathroom and the list goes on. After years of sitting there were foundation issues and many other things to address. We have turned the house into a home! All utilities are on and working. Everything is new. All work was done by a master plumber, master electrician, and the foundation was fixed by a really good concrete business. Everything was inspected as the work was completed and passed. It was really an honor to see this house the way it was when purchased and to see it completed. We are still in awe to see it!"

6. What are your goals for the future?

"Passing the Sell Property Solutions business to the next generation. To keep on learning new and better ways to handle our business, contractors, tenants etc. To be better people and landlords. Lastly, to serve our community through teaching, housing, and employment of local people in our area."



Jeffrey Taylor, founder of "Mr. Landlord". Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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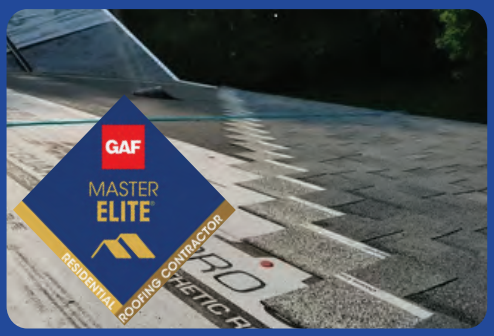
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1 Tsp. Vanilla Extract
2 Large Eggs
2 Cups Fresh Red Raspberries

Heat Oven at 350

In a greased pan cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs in one at a time, then stir in milk and vanilla. Add in flour and baking powder. Gently fold in raspberries.

TOPPING:

1/2 Cup Brown Sugar
1/3 Cup Flour
1 Tsp. Cinnamon
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Mix together brown sugar, flour and cinnamon. Pour melted butter over the mixture and combine until crumbly. Sprinkle mixture on top of cake batter.

Bake 35-40 minutes.

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Oil or Water?

Should I use an oil-based or water-based stain my wood deck?

You should consider the long hours and hard work involved in the application, durability and ongoing maintenance requirements when creating your outdoor living space!

Both the water and oil-based stains have their own pros and cons. In general, water-based stains are more durable compared to oil-based stains. Let's look at the primary differences between the two options:

Oil-based stains deliver a rich finish with deep color clarity and uniform finish that does not leave lap marks behind.

The drying time takes longer, and they penetrate deeper into the wood giving more water protection and preserving the wood fibers from within the wood.

Oil-based stains fade and wear away rather than peeling.

Oil-based stains are not eco-friendly, as they have volatile organic compounds (VOCs), these additives that are harmful to you and the environment if not handled properly.

Oil stains have a higher odor and clean up with mineral spirits.

Before applying oil-based stains the surface of the wood must be dry or have a moisture content less than 15%. You could see some white hazy areas in the finish if there is too much moisture in the wood where moisture gets trapped under the finish.

Oil based stains are primarily not mold, mildew and algae resistant.

Premium quality water-based stains have easy maintenance, and whenever you see that the finish is fading then you can clean the deck with soap water, reapply maintenance coats without any standing/stripping.

Water stains have a higher UV resistance and color retention than oil stains.

Water stains do not contain any ingredient acting as a food source to mold, mildew, and algae. Also, there are more mildew resistant water-based stains available in the market.

It is easy to clean water-based stains with a standard deck wash or bleach and water or TSP (Tri Sodium Phosphate)and water Solution before top-coating.

Application is very easy, and the stain dries within 1-2 hours of application and can be second coated the same day.

Water-based stains are non-flammable and emit a low odor.

They don't allow moisture to be trapped inside the wood.



Here are some disadvantages of water based decking stains:

Water-based stains have trouble penetrating through the wood. The finish forms a coating that dries on top of the wood. Keep in mind that these stains can peel off if they are over-applied. Two thin coats are better than one thick coat.

One more thing that you need to consider is the quality and type of wood. If the wood is oily such as cedar/redwood, then you should consider going for an oil-based stain because it goes well with that type of wood. Also, the wood from pressure-treated pine goes well with water deck stains.

Keep in mind that if your deck has been stained before, then you should go for a similar treatment again. For example, if you already have an oil-based stain, then you can go for the oil-based stain again. But, if you want to switch over to water-based stain, then you should remove the existing stain via stain stripper such as Super deck Stain and Sealer remover followed by a coat of Revive Deck cleaner to neutralize the stain remover. After this, your deck is ready for a switch to water-based stain.

You can refer to your local Sherwin Williams store for more information or consider hiring a custom deck contractor.



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The Early Farmers of Glenhill Farm

Part II

By the Harborcreek Historical Society

Penn State Behrend recently celebrated the 75th anniversary of Mary Behrend's donation of Glenhill Farm to the university for use as a satellite campus. While the Behrend family's connection to the property is well-known, the property's ties to the Harborcreek families who lived on and farmed the land prior to the Behrends are less familiar. In this and the next several issues of YourHarborcreek Magazine, the Society will highlight the early farming families who owned the parcels that were combined to create Glenhill Farm.



Photograph of Ferdinand and Emma Wick Marso courtesy of Pamela Wick Magerle, daughter of Paul and Florence White Wick. Her grandfather was Emma's brother Clarence.

The Marso Family

The second largest land parcel on the 1932 map of Glenhill Farm had belonged to Fred and Emma Wick Marso. When researching their extended families, the word "pioneer" often pops up. Ferdinand (Fred) Marso was born in Erie County on May 13, 1868 (his headstone says 1869) to German immigrants Nicholas and Helena Geidl Marso, who, according to their obituaries, were well-regarded in the city. They sold confections and notions at 437 East 26th Street and raised nine children in their home next door at 433 East 26th Street. Both buildings were located down the street from St. John's Church where the family was heavily involved in parish life including the Rosary Society, 3rd order of Saint Francis, and the Sacred Heart League. Nicholas arrived here in 1843 with his parents Matthias and Marie. He served in the 98th Pennsylvania Infantry for three months from March until June 1865.

Like most of us, Fred seemed to have had a lot of ups and downs over his life. Tragedy struck in 1895 when his youngest brother, Joseph, was hit and killed at age twelve by a Nickel Plate Railroad train. He also had more than one brush with the law. In 1894 he was living and farming in Greene Township when he accused John Dunker of assault and battery. In 1914 he was acquitted of assaulting R.I. Snider and was required to pay three quarters of the court costs. In 1897 his personal property was auctioned off after an issue with his landlady Lois Nichols. He found himself on the other side of a landlord dispute in August 1945 when the Office of Price Administration (OPA), a federal agency created by President Roosevelt in 1941 to control prices and ration goods during World War II, fined him for illegal dealings with an unnamed tenant at an unknown property. Because the charges came from the Pittsburgh district office of OPA, stories about the episode appeared in papers throughout western Pennsylvania.

Fred suffered a couple of accidents as well. In August 1913 he was injured when "his team ran away with him" and in October 1938 he was hit by a car (presumably while walking) on Buffalo Road.

In May 1909 the paper noted that a "Mr. King" of Boscobel (then a part of Greene Township) brought a sawmill to his property and Fred had prepared many logs in anticipation of the event. In August Mr. King moved it back home because the Marso farm lacked the water needed to run the mill.

At the age of 35, Fred did something that shocked his friends. The following appeared in the paper in 1903. "We are in receipt of news of the marriage of Fred Marso to Miss Lavery of Harborcreek Township. We are surprised that Fred has discarded his coat of single blessedness for that of matrimony. Mr. Marso intends visiting the old country on his wedding tour, taking in Germany, the land of his parents' birth, where he has lots of relatives. He says he will see the Alps before he returns home. He thinks he will be gone about three months. His sister, Charlotte, who has been his housekeeper for the last two years, will return to her friends in Belle Valley. There were flowers galore, and mistletoe was not



forgotten. We wish them long life and happiness." (Note: He did not appear to have a sister named Charlotte. It may have been a nickname for one of his sisters, probably Catherine who never married and died at age 91. She was often listed as a servant in other households in census records. Nonetheless "Sister Charlotte" was mentioned in several articles in the newspaper).

Waiting to marry and building his farm seemed to pay off for him. He returned from his honeymoon and "brought an automobile with him. He says that he can go a mile with more comfort than he can with his team of mustangs." He reportedly brought back over 300 snapshots, as well.

The paper told an amusing story about his 35th birthday that same year: "There was quite an excitement and lots of fun, on Saturday evening, July 11, at Fred Marso's, it being his 53rd (sic) birthday. When Mr. Marso came home from Erie he brought a graphophone (note: this was a machine that played wax cylinders) for Mrs. Marso, a birthday present. He wound the machine up and it started with all kinds of talking and singing. The neighbors were all delighted. The best joke was on Frank Lavery, Mr. Marso's brother-in-law. He was going over to Mr. Marso's when the machine was in full blast and not knowing what to make of it, he started through the orchard for home without stopping to investigate. After entertaining the neighbors for some time there was a temperance lecture, Carl Goodwin being one to sign the pledge. Sister Charlotte sang "Good Old Summertime" and other selections after the lecture."

Fred and Kate's happiness was short-lived. On July 27, 1914, the following notice, signed by Ferdinand Marso, appeared in the classifieds: "My wife, Kate, having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, all persons are warned not to give her credit on my account." They remained married until she died in 1919, but information for her death certificate was provided by neighbor Joseph Hermann's son Anthony who was 16 years old.

Kate's father, Peter Lavery, who immigrated from Ireland in 1844 at the age of 20, was living in Greene Township at the time of the 1850 census and was naturalized in 1853. The year before he became a citizen he married Mary Engelsby Field, widow of Otis Field, and the couple eventually settled on a Station Road farm. She brought along her three daughters Mary, Johana, and Caroline, and they had six children together in quick succession: Teresa, Jane, John, Catherine, Peter, and Sarah.

Peter was widowed on Valentine's Day in 1878, and he later married Mary Carroll, twenty years his younger, and she bore him a son, James, in 1888. Coincidently, James' son, Raymond, worked for the Behrends. Mary Behrend was listed as his employer on his draft card and Ernst left him $150 in his will.

Upon his death in 1907, Peter Lavery was described as "one of Erie county's oldest and best-known farmers" and "a man of sterling honesty and deserved esteem throughout the county. He had lived on the farm since he was 19 years of age, and his industry and knowledge of farming made him successful, his methods being largely adopted and with success." Other stories seem to verify that assessment. In 1901 he purchased a "high-grade" piano and he took a trip to Europe in 1903. He had extended family connections throughout the county. In fact, the area around the intersection of Route 98 and Route 6N in the west county is known as Lavery's Corners. His second wife was described as one of the "pioneer settlers of Erie County" who was "widely known and highly esteemed."

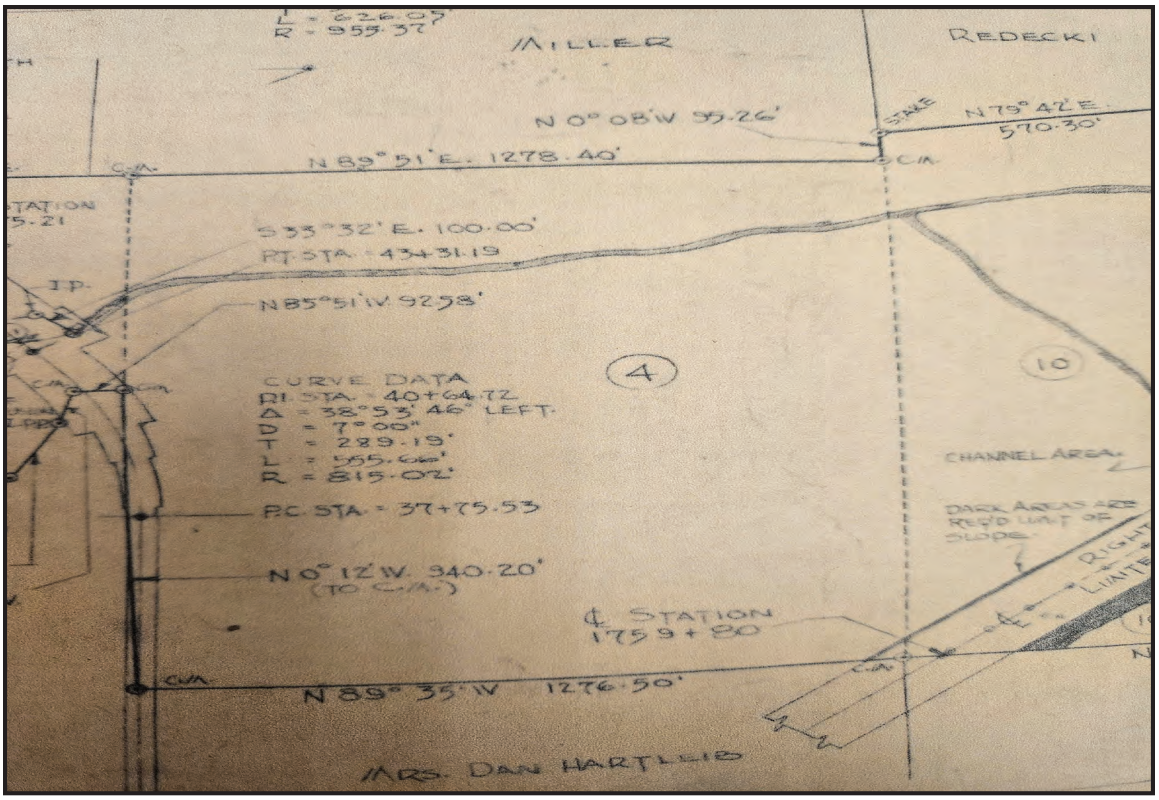
Fred would go on to marry Emma Wick of Greene Township. Before the marriage she and her older sister Rose were working for the Ball family on 6th Street. Ironically, Fred's second set of in-laws bore the same first names as his first, Peter and Mary. Peter Wick's father, Alban, had arrived in Greene Township from Germany in the late 1830's, certainly making him a pioneer in that area. Peter Wick was described in his obituary as a "well-known citizen of Green (sic) Township" who had been in good health, had worked on his farm all day, and then was stricken in the evening. Mary Gamer Wick's parents left for Kansas in 1886, and her father, George Gamer was also described as a "pioneer Erie County resident".

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Early Farmers, continued from the previous page

The Marso's home appears to have been located across Station Road from the Edwards farm (now called Federal House). However, the property that became part of the Behrend estate was not their homestead. The 48.81 acres in question are located on the east side of Jordan Road and now form the northwestern part of Knowledge Park. They had purchased it from Emma's sister, Rose Kaminski, in 1924. Coincidently, Rose's husband John had been a pharmacist at a drugstore owned by Frederick Nick. The Nick Building on Behrend's campus today is named for his son Edwin, who owned Northern Equipment Company and was the first president of the college advisory board.



This close-up of the property is from a 1974 plot plan of Penn State Behrend courtesy Behrend Archives. Jordan Road was relocated by the township in 1963, and a new bridge was constructed over Jordan Run which is the body of water depicted near the top of the drawing.

Fred Marso died at home on February 7, 1951, and his funeral was held at St. James where he and Emma had become active. Two years later Emma sold the farm to Andrew Fetsko. By 1956 Emma was living on Chestnut Street in Erie. In 1965, 1966, 1969, and 1971, the newspaper suggested that folks send her a birthday card at St. Mary's Geriatric Center. Born on March 3, 1875, Emma died on February 5, 1972 at the age of 96. Only her brother Clarence survived her. The Marsos are buried in Trinity Cemetery.

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Volunteer Fire Departments

Greetings from the Brookside Volunteer Fire Company

Open House
Saturday, August 23, 2025

Once again the nice weather is upon us and the Brookside Volunteer Fire Company would like to take a moment to remind you to take extra care when driving this summer season. School is out and the weather will hopefully be nice so we will see many people out walking, jogging, bicycling and motorcycle riding. Please be aware of your surroundings and make sure all distractions (cell-phones, etc.) are put away and not in use. Always take a moment to look twice. It may save someone's life as well as your own.

We have set a date for our open house. Open house this year will be on Saturday, August 23, 2025. Please come down and check out the fire station, our equipment and also some of our neighboring fire departments equipment. We hope to have some outside agencies on hand, demonstrations for the public and activities for the kids. We also use our open house as a recruiting tool. We are always looking for additional volunteers to add to our ranks.

As you read this article, we are midway through our annual fund drive. This is our biggest fund raiser and your donations are used to pay the fire companies expenses throughout the year. Your continued support is very important and is deeply appreciated by the Brookside Volunteer Fire Company. If you have not already done so, please make a donation to your local fire department. We must have your financial support to continue to provide you with the highest level of service that you deserve.

Also please keep an eye on our Facebook page for dates of our basket raffles and craft shows at the fire station as well as all of our tip boards and raffles. This is a great way to support the fire company if you are not a resident of our area.

Again, we thank you for your continued support of the Brookside Volunteer Fire Company. If you are interested in joining or just want to check the department out we invite you to stop by the station on our drill night on Tuesday evenings. We will be glad to show you around. If you have any questions about any information in this article or any questions about the fire company in general, please call the station at 814-899-3820 and someone will be glad to help you.



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Make it visible from both directions

Posting your address number on your mailbox makes it easier for responders to find you, but remember that numbers should be posted on both sides of the mailbox, as responders may be arriving from different directions.

Make your house number visible at night

Responders may need to find you at night, so please illuminate your house number. Numbers on a mailbox or post at the end of your driveway should be reflective or white and on a contrasting background to ensure they're easy to see at night.

Post your house address near the road

If your house is not visible from the road, it is important to post numbers on a sign or pole so they can be clearly visible from the road.

On long or shared driveways, put the number in two places

If your mailbox is located on a community post with other mailboxes, it is extremely important that you also post your address at the end of your driveway.

If your driveway leads to more than one address, post all numbers at the end of the driveway. Then post the number on your house.

It's difficult for an emergency responder to know which house is yours when there are shared mailboxes in an area and no signage on your driveway to specifically identify your home.

Make sure the numbers are in clear view

Please be sure to trim any bushes away from your signs so that all numbers are clearly visible and not blocked by flowers, planters, flags, or other items.

Buy or make your signs

Numbers should be at least 3 inches high and clearly visible.

Remember, in an emergency, seconds can make a life-saving difference. You can purchase street numbers and sign kits at most hardware stores or online that are easy to affix. If you decide to make your own sign, remember to use reflective numbers that are at least 3 inches high.



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Husky Happenings



High School Sports Schedule

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Varsity Cross Country (Boys/Girls)

Fall 2024-2025

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Depart	Time
Saturday	Aug. 24	@ Riverside Kickoff Classic	Riverside High School		5:30PM
Thursday	Aug. 29	* @ North East High School	North East High School		4:00PM
Tuesday	Sep. 10	* Eisenhower MS/HS	Harbor Creek High School		4:00PM
Saturday	Sep. 14	@ Commodore Perry Invitational	Commodore Perry H. S.		9:00AM
Tuesday	Sep. 17	* Seneca High School	Harbor Creek High School		4:00PM
Saturday	Sep. 21	@ Blue Devil Invitational (Jr. High)	Buhl Park		9:15AM
Tuesday	Sep. 24	@ Warren Area High School	Betts Park		4:00PM
Saturday	Oct. 05	Dirty Dawg Invite	Harbor Creek High School		10:00AM
Tuesday	Oct. 08	Corry Area Middle/High School	Harbor Creek High School		4:00PM
Friday	Oct. 11	* Union City High School	Harbor Creek High School		4:00PM
Friday	Oct. 18	@ OPEN (*NWPA CC Invitational*)	Frontier Park		4:00PM
Wednesday	Oct. 23	@ Jr. High District 10 Championship	Union City H.S.		4:30PM
Saturday	Oct. 26	@ District 10 Championships	Ed Myer Complex/Titusville		12:15PM
Saturday	Nov. 02	@ PIAA State Championships	Hershey		TBA

Varsity Volleyball (Girls)

Fall 2025-2026

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Depart	Time
S Saturday	Aug. 16	@ Fort LeBoeuf High School	Fort LeBoeuf High School		9:00AM
S Saturday	Aug. 23	McDowell	Harbor Creek Jr. High Gymnasium		9:00AM
Monday	Aug. 25	Mercyhurst Preparatory School	Harbor Creek Jr. High Gymnasium		7:15PM
Tuesday	Aug. 26	@ Girard High School	Girard High School		7:15PM
Thursday	Aug. 28	@ North East High School	North East High School		7:15PM
Saturday	Aug. 30	@ FLB Tournament	Fort LeBoeuf H.S.		8:00AM
Tuesday	Sep. 02	* Fort LeBoeuf High School	Harbor Creek Jr. High Gymnasium		7:15PM
Thursday	Sep. 04	* Erie High School	Harbor Creek Jr. High Gymnasium		7:15PM
Monday	Sep. 08	Northwestern Senior High School	Harbor Creek Jr. High Gymnasium		7:15PM
Tuesday	Sep. 09	* @ Meadville Area Senior High School	Meadville Area Senior High School		7:15PM
Thursday	Sep. 11	* McDowell	Harbor Creek Jr. High Gymnasium		7:15PM
Monday	Sep. 15	Seneca High School	Harbor Creek Jr. High Gymnasium		7:15PM
Tuesday	Sep. 16	* @ Warren Area High School	Warren Area High School		7:15PM
Thursday	Sep. 18	* @ General McLane High School	General McLane High School		7:15PM
Tuesday	Sep. 23	Conneaut Area Senior High	Harbor Creek Jr. High Gymnasium		7:15PM
Thursday	Sep. 25	* @ Fort LeBoeuf High School	Fort LeBoeuf High School		7:15PM
Monday	Sep. 29	@ Iroquois Jr.-Sr. High School	Iroquois Jr.-Sr. High School		7:15PM
Tuesday	Sep. 30	* @ Erie High School	Erie High School		7:15PM
Thursday	Oct. 02	* Meadville Area Senior High School	Harbor Creek Jr. High Gymnasium		7:15PM
Tuesday	Oct. 07	* @ McDowell	McDowell		7:15PM
Thursday	Oct. 09	* Warren Area High School	Harbor Creek Jr. High Gymnasium		7:15PM
Tuesday	Oct. 14	* General McLane High School	Harbor Creek Jr. High Gymnasium		7:15PM
Thursday	Oct. 16	North East High School	Harbor Creek Jr. High Gymnasium		7:15PM

Varsity So

Fall 202

Day	Date	Opponent
S Saturday	Aug. 16	@ Mercyhurst Preparator School
S Monday	Aug. 18	Seneca High School
Saturday	Aug. 23	@ Winchester Thurston School (*JRK Classic*)
Sunday	Aug. 24	@ Wheeling Park High School (*JRK Classic*)
Wednesday	Aug. 27	Mercer Area Junior/Senio High School
Wednesday	Sep. 03	@ Grove City Area High School
Monday	Sep. 08	* @ North East High Scho
Wednesday	Sep. 10	* Cathedral Prep
Tuesday	Sep. 16	* Fairview High School
Thursday	Sep. 18	* @ Fort LeBoeuf High School
Monday	Sep. 22	* @ Girard High School
Wednesday	Sep. 24	@ Slippery Rock Area HS
Tuesday	Sep. 30	* North East High School
Thursday	Oct. 02	* @ Cathedral Prep
Monday	Oct. 06	* @ Fairview High School
Wednesday	Oct. 08	* Fort LeBoeuf High Scho
Friday	Oct. 10	General McLane High School
Tuesday	Oct. 14	* Girard High School
Thursday	Oct. 16	@ Hickory HS

Varsity So

Fall 202

Day	Date	Opponent
S Tuesday	Aug. 19	Grove City Area High School
Tuesday	Aug. 26	@ Bradford Area High School
Thursday	Aug. 28	Oil City Senior High Scho
Saturday	Aug. 30	@ Fort LeBoeuf High School
Wednesday	Sep. 03	@ Warren Area High School
Saturday	Sep. 06	Franklin Area High Schoo
Monday	Sep. 08	North East High School
Tuesday	Sep. 09	@ Meadville Area Senior High School
Saturday	Sep. 13	@ General McLane High School
Thursday	Sep. 18	@ Mercer Area Junior/Senior High School
Thursday	Sep. 25	* @ Girard High School
Monday	Sep. 29	* McDowell
Wednesday	Oct. 01	* @ Erie High School
Tuesday	Oct. 07	* Girard High School
Thursday	Oct. 09	* @ McDowell
Saturday	Oct. 11	Seneca High School
Monday	Oct. 13	* Erie High School

Superintendent
Dr. Buckley Cook

Principal, Sr. High
Pamela Chodubski

High School Sports Schedule

Season pass to all the home game sports available!
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ccer (Boys)

25-2026

	Place	Depart	Time
ry	Mercyhurst Preparatory School		3:00PM
	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		4:00PM
	Pine-Richland Stadium		1:30PM
	Pine-Richland Stadium		6:45 PM
r	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		6:00PM
	Grove City Area High School		7:30PM
ol	North East High School		5:30PM
	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		6:00PM
	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		6:00PM
	Fort LeBoeuf High School		6:00PM
	Girard High School		6:00PM
	Slippery Rock Area HS		8:00PM
	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		6:00PM
	Cathedral Prep		6:00PM
	Fairview High School		6:00PM
ol	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		6:00PM
	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		6:00PM
	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		6:00PM
	Hickory HS		7:00PM

ccer (Girls)

25-2026

	Place	Depart	Time
	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		6:00PM
	Bradford Area High School		6:00PM
ol	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		6:00PM
	Fort LeBoeuf High School		5:30PM
	Warren Area High School		6:00PM
l	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		12:00PM
	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		6:00PM
	Meadville Area Senior High School		6:00PM
	General McLane High School		2:00PM
	Mercer Area Junior/Senior High School		7:00PM
	Girard High School		6:00PM
	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		6:00PM
	Erie High School		6:00PM
	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		6:00PM
	McDowell		6:00PM
	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		1:00PM
	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		6:00PM

Principal, Jr. High
Andrew Krahe

Athletic Director
Troy Budziszewski

Varsity Football (Boys)

Fall 2025-2026

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Depart	Time
S Saturday	Aug. 16	Meadville Area Senior High School	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		10:00AM
Friday	Aug. 22	@ Oil City Senior High School	Oil City Senior High School		7:00PM
Friday	Aug. 29	General McLane High School (*HC Hall of Fame Ceremony*)	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		7:00PM
Friday	Sep. 05	* @ North East High School	North East High School		7:00PM
Friday	Sep. 12	* @ Fairview High School	Fairview High School		7:00PM
Friday	Sep. 19	Mercyhurst Preparatory School (*Sr. Night & Homecoming*)	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		7:00PM
Friday	Sep. 26	@ Slippery Rock Area HS	Slippery Rock Area HS		7:00PM
Thursday	Oct. 02	* @ Girard High School	Girard High School		7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 10	* @ Fort LeBoeuf High School	Fort LeBoeuf High School		7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 17	* Corry Area Middle/High School (*Elementary Night*)	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 24	Iroquois Jr.-Sr. High School (*Band Senior Night*)	Paul J. Weitz Stadium		7:00PM

Varsity Golf (Boys)

Fall 2025-2026

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Depart	Time
Thursday	Aug. 07	@ Lakeview Golf Tournament	Mt. Hope Golf Course		8:30AM
Monday	Aug. 11	@ Mercyhurst Prep Mega Match	Downing G.C.		9:00AM
Wednesday	Aug. 13	Harbor Creek Mega Match	Green Meadows G.C.		9:00AM
Monday	Aug. 18	@ North East Mega Match	Lake View C.C.		9:00AM
Monday	Aug. 25	@ Ft. Leboeuf HS	Mound Grove G.C.		10:00AM
Thursday	Aug. 28	@ Ft. LeBoeuf Mega Match	Mound Grove G.C.		10:00AM
Thursday	Sep. 04	@ Corry North Hills Invitational	North Hills G.C.		9:00AM
Monday	Sep. 08	@ Fairview Mega Match	Lake Shore C.C.		1:00PM
Thursday	Sep. 11	Iroquois Jr.-Sr. High School	Green Meadows G.C.		TBA
Monday	Sep. 15	@ Iroquois Mega Match	Lawrence Park G.C.		12:00PM
Tuesday	Sep. 16	@ Meadville Golf Tournament	Meadville Country Club		9:25AM
Monday	Sep. 22	@ Cathedral Prep Mega Match	Whispering Woods G.C.		8:30AM
S Friday	Sep. 26	OPEN (*HC Skins Game*)	Whispering Woods G.C.		10:00AM

Varsity Golf (Girls)

Fall 2025-2026

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Depart	Time
Thursday	Aug. 07	@ Happy Valley Invitational	Penn State Golf Courses - Blue Course		10:00AM
Monday	Aug. 11	@ North East Mega-Match	Lake View C.C.		3:00PM
Tuesday	Aug. 12	@ Warren Invitational	Warren Invitational		9:00AM
Thursday	Aug. 14	HC Mega Match	Green Meadows G.C.		9:00AM
Friday	Aug. 15	@ Hickory Invite	Oak Tree Golf Club		1:00PM
Monday	Aug. 18	@ MPS Mega-Match	Lake View C.C.		3:30PM
Wednesday	Aug. 20	@ Fairview Mega-Match	Beechwood G.C.		9:00AM
Wednesday	Sep. 03	@ Lady Lancer Invitational	Riverside Golf Course		10:00AM
Thursday	Sep. 04	@ Seneca Mega Match	Scenic Heights G.C.		3:00PM
Monday	Sep. 08	@ Union City Mega-Match	Union City Country Club		3:30PM
Wednesday	Sep. 10	@ General McLane Mega Match	Culbertson Hills G.C.		3:00PM
Monday	Sep. 15	@ Meadville Golf Tournament	Meadville Country Club		9:30AM
Wednesday	Sep. 17	@ Bear Cup Tournament	Bear Cup Tournament		3:30PM
Tuesday	Sep. 23	@ Cathedral Prep Mega Match	Whispering Woods G.C.		3:00PM

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JULY 9	JACK STEVENSON
JULY 16	SHANI BILLS
JULY 23	MIKE AND MARIE ACOUSTICS
JULY 30	SHADY SIDE
AUGUST 6	POLKA RELATIONS
AUGUST 13	KURT NOVAKOWSKI: AS ELVIS!
AUGUST 20	DAVID JULIUS
AUGUST 27	GEM CITY BAND



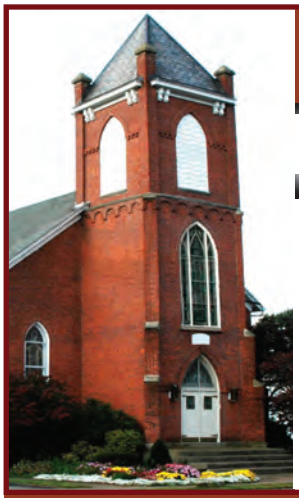
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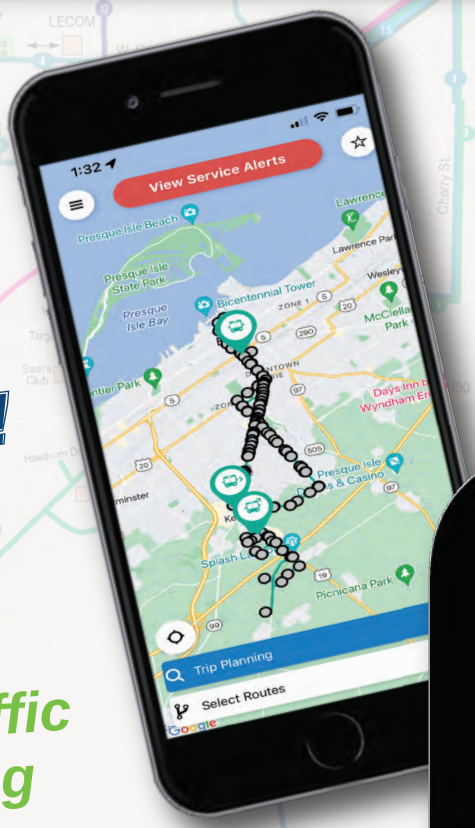
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Beginning September 7,
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Upcoming Events:
Tuesday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m. - We welcome Gem City Band
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All are welcome. Come join in the fun!
Music Celebration Sunday - May 18, 9:15 a.m.

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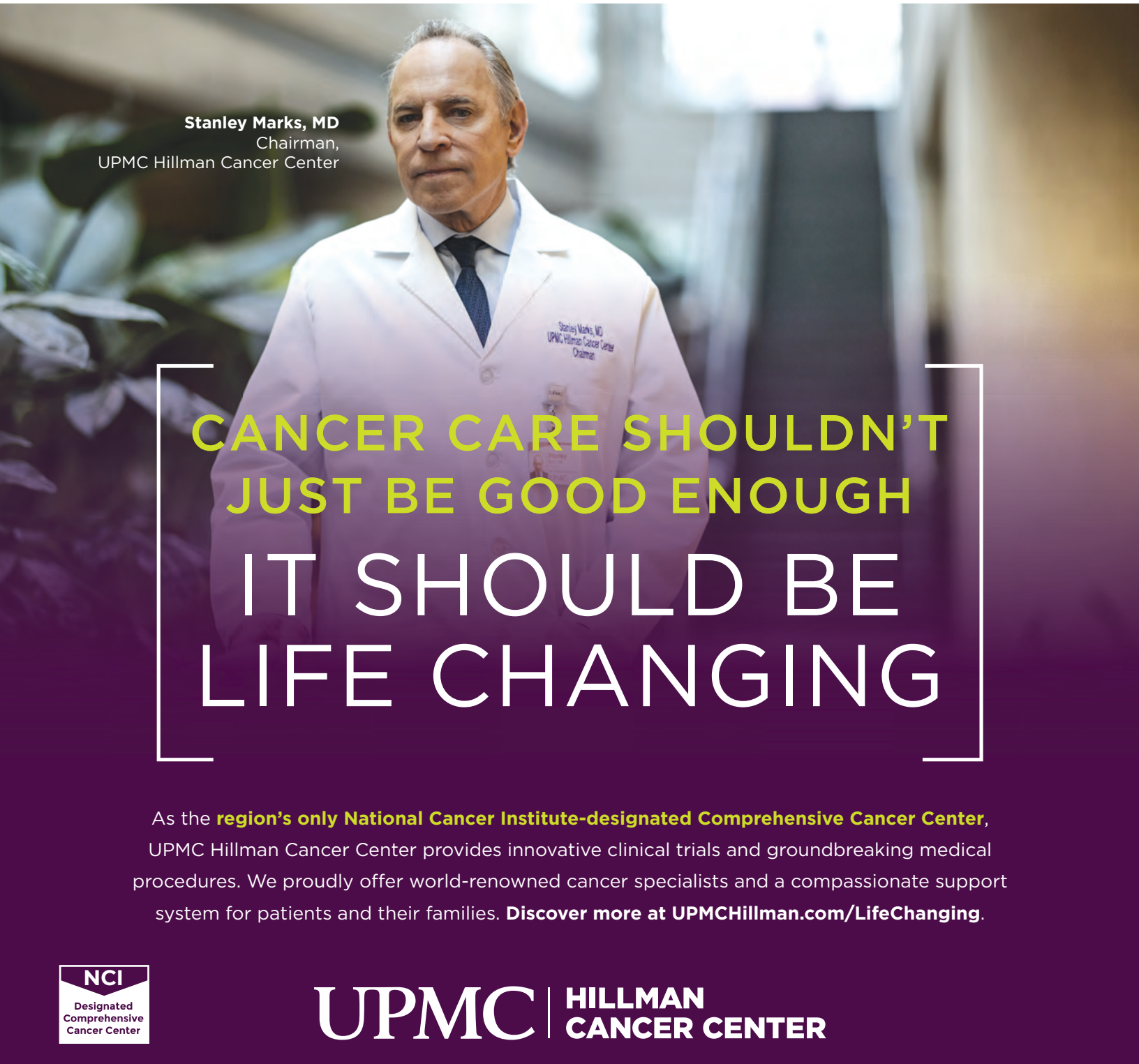
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