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THE BELT HAS BEEN TIGHTENED AND WE ARE AT A CROSSROADS ...

We are proud of our Township and the lifestyle it brings to our residents. Our parks are well-maintained and get a lot of usage from all ages.

Our community center has been the site of many weddings and an ideal spot for very cost effective local fundraisers. Our senior population makes its home there and uses it daily. Our cemeteries are often cited as some of the most beautiful in the area – we take considerable pride in making sure they are well maintained. We consider them to be hallowed and historic places. We average over 100 burials each year.

The roads that are actually township responsibility (many roads in the township are county roads) are well maintained and our crew does a commendable job of keeping them clear even in the worst snow storms.

In addition to our many basic responsibilities, we maintain a campground at our park, a boat ramp for all Perry residents, a summer concert series, an annual trash removal day, reduced Laketrans fees for our elderly and needy and we are the largest contributor to help subsidize our recreation and senior programs.

It has been a struggle the last number of years to continue to provide all these services and more. While costs continue to climb, our revenue stream has continued to shrink faster than we can find ways to cut costs. Our annual 2018 operating revenues are \$470,000 less than five years ago (2014).

The lower valuation of the nuclear plant, deregulation of personal property tax, elimination of the inheritance tax and shrinking local government funds by the state have all contributed to diminishing revenue.

We are the only community in Lake County that does not have either an income tax or voted levy to help provide funds to run our township. We have worked totally off what is called the inside millage – the minimum tax required by law that we share with others. For all that is provided, a Perry homeowner pays about \$125 per year per \$100,000 of valuation for Perry Township operations. We think that is getting a pretty good return on your tax dollar.

Over the years, we have made many changes to cut our costs. We have not hired a new full-time employee in over 10 years – in fact have reduced staff by the equivalent of six full-time employees. Overall, we are working with about 40% less people that we had 10 years ago. For example, we once had two full-time people solely devoted to working in the cemetery – now we have none – all work is handled by current office staff and service department personnel. Our park was once staffed with two people both receiving full benefits. Now our park is run by contract with a single individual who receives no benefits. Because of reduced service department staff this year, we ended the night shift that was in place during the winter season.

We believe any further cuts will become quality of life issues and make our community much less desirable. Any questions about your township – please call our office (440-259-5140). Thank you.

**Your Trustees
Rick Amos, Nancy Steele and Bob Dawson**

The following article appeared in The Plain Dealer on Friday, December 28, 2018

Perry schools lost \$2.3 million in local tax revenue in 2018 due to a 39 percent devaluation of the Perry nuclear power plant. The Lake County auditor expects another devaluation of the plant this year of approximately 44 percent, which is estimated to result in an additional \$2.5 million in local tax revenue lost.

Closing nuclear plants will have devastating effect on schools

JACK THOMPSON

I was recently reminded by a student about Newton's Third Law of Physics: Every action has an equal and opposite reaction.

Oftentimes when making decisions about the direction of our state's economy, our elected officials fail to consider the equal and opposite effects of their actions and, in my case, how they may inadvertently affect students in Lake County and across the state.

The impending closure of the Perry nuclear power plant and its sister plant, Davis-Besse near Toledo, is rightfully raising red flags across a spectrum of business, community and civic leaders throughout Ohio. It is raising full alarm sirens for our local schools.

There is no doubt that losing these facilities will have a dramatic and direct impact on Ohio's energy landscape, but the consequences and real economic reactions will reach much farther than that.

The premature closure of these two plants, will have serious implications for all Ohio communities and the local services that we rely on, including our public school system.

These two plants contribute to the strength and vitality of local communities by contributing tens of millions of dollars in tax revenue.

Combined, these two plants pay \$30 million in state and local taxes annually, according to data provided by FirstEnergy and FirstEnergy Solutions. That money goes directly back into our communities, helping to fund vital community services, from police and firefighters to infrastructure improvements and public education.

Without this source of revenue, communities statewide will be forced to make a decision between raising taxes on hardworking Ohioans or scaling back the services and programs that everyone relies on.

In Lake County, the loss of the Perry plant will have a devastating effect on Perry schools. We are already feeling some of the pain. As a result of devaluation of tangible personal property by the Perry nuclear power plant, Perry Local Schools lost \$2.3 million in local tax revenue in 2018 due to a 39 percent devaluation. We recently received notice from the county auditor to expect another devaluation of the plant this year of approximately 44 percent, which is estimated to be an additional \$2.5 million lost in local tax revenue for 2019.

The early retirement of these plants would hurt our area particularly hard since we are located so close to the Perry plant, just outside of Cleveland. Schools

throughout the Perry School District directly benefit from the tax revenue generated by this power plant. Cutting off that revenue stream would threaten local schools and could jeopardize the quality of education across the state, as this additional burden will negatively impact an already struggling school funding mechanism in Ohio. As superintendent of the Perry School District, I am gravely concerned about the consequences this would have on future generations of Ohio leaders.

Of course, the impact these plant closures would have on our children does not stop at just school funding concerns. Nuclear power is one of the cleanest forms of energy we have available. Representing 90 percent of the zero-emission electricity generated in Ohio, nuclear power produces zero sulfur dioxide and carbon dioxide emissions. If these plants are forced into early retirement, we will have to replace the power they produce somehow, and most likely, that will be achieved by increasing production at fossil fuel-powered plants, which will threaten our state's clean-energy efforts.

In fact, a 2017 study for Nuclear Matters, Team NEO and others showed that closing the plants would be equivalent to adding nearly 2 million cars to the road, adding 9 million tons of

carbon dioxide and other pollutants into the air. This is troubling enough on its own, but would be especially problematic for children suffering from asthma or other health-related issues that may be exacerbated by this increased pollution. Why would we risk public health and the well-being of some of our most vulnerable children by undermining the quality of our air and environment?

Moreover, Lake County — like many parts of the state — has been experiencing a steady population decline over the past few years, and the closure of Perry nuclear plant will only contribute to that problem. If the Perry plant is shuttered, that will just mean more families will be forced to leave the area, weakening our communities even further.

There's a lot at stake if Ohio loses these plants, as is currently expected in the next few years. While this issue may not be a primary focus for our politicians, it will not go away any time soon.

Ohio lawmakers should give this matter the attention it deserves and consider the consequences of their actions and its impact on schools across the state.

Thompson is superintendent of the Perry School District in Lake County.



PERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This winter's weather in our area has been mild in comparison to some of those that we have endured in past years. Let's hope the trend continues, and before long, we will be welcoming in our spring weather. Although one can hardly notice the added minutes that have been with us these last few weeks, I'm sure that all enjoy that little bit of added daylight that is always welcome this time of year. So, come on Spring, we're waiting for you!

The annual Christmas concert held at the museum on December 8th was once again a success. Those in attendance all enjoyed the wonderful musical performance by members of the Lakeshore Winds Quartet. One of our society members, Carol Chenoweth, has been instrumental in getting it all together for several of the past years, and the society extends their thanks to all for a performance well done. Thanks to each of the four ladies for providing to all in attendance, the traditional Christmas songs that brought back the wonderful feeling of the Christmas season.

As always, the decorating committee did a terrific job again this year in getting all those Christmas decorations and lights out, to make not only the inside of the museum look great, but all those bright Christmas lights that surrounded the outside of the museum building. Once again, it surely reminded all passing by that it was once again the Christmas season.

A reminder to all that as in past years, during the winter months of January, February and March, the Perry Historical Museum at the corner of Main and Center Streets, as well as the Society's Meeting/Workroom located at 4261 Manchester Street, will be closed due to the extreme winter weather sometimes experienced here in our area. Both facilities will resume regular opening and visiting hours come the month of April. Should any information be needed, or if you would like to request a special visit to either facility, please do not hesitate to

call **Carolyn Coatoam** at **440-413-4126**, the society's contact chairperson. She, in turn, will get in touch with the person in charge of the facility and will be glad to help.

Members of the Perry Historical Society wish to extend their thanks and appreciation to the Perry Township Board of Trustees for all their support and help given throughout the many past years. Without their support, it would almost be impossible for the Perry Historical Society to function. Also, to all out there in the Perry community, the Perry Historical Society members extend their best wishes to each, for success, happiness and a very healthy New Year of 2019.

A little bit of Perry history...

COVELL LUMBER YARD SAWMILL

The familiar sound of a buzz saw that was heard by those who traveled along Webb Road in Perry many years ago is no longer heard. The area at 4971 Webb Road, where once existed the busy Covell Lumber Yard, is a quiet area now, surrounded by family homes built throughout the years, along a peaceful country road.

The Covell Lumber Yard operated by Raymond and Arthur Covell had its beginning on Webb Road when it was opened in 1951 by brothers who both enjoyed the outdoors and the love of woodlands.

After the death of his brother Raymond, who passed away from a heart attack, Art Covell continued to run the mill on Webb Road.

Mary L. Platko
Historian

STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system may be discharged untreated into the bodies of water that we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater.

PERRY WOMEN'S LEAGUE

It's been a great year! Thanks to the generosity of the Perry community, we had a very successful fundraising event in 2018. We sold almost all of the tickets to our annual Community Bunny Lunch! With the money raised from ticket sales and the Chinese auction, the PWL was able to continue to support our community projects. We provided breakfast for the Green Day volunteers in April, awarded a \$500 scholarship to two deserving high school seniors in May; and maintained the "Welcome to Perry" sign at Route 20 & Narrows Road. In November, we provided a full Thanksgiving meal to three Perry families (17 people), with help from the Perry Senior Center collecting non-perishable items to add to the family baskets. In December, the Perry Center provided us with 12 Perry community members (from two families) "wish lists". PWL members purchased items for these 'adopted' families to help make their Christmas a little more special. Thank you, again, for your continued support!

We look forward to 2019 with the continuation of our current board members leading the way: President - Theresa Wetzel; Vice President - Cheryl Evanchick; Secretary - Carrie Scales; Treasurer - Mary Strahan. We welcome anyone looking for a way to give back to our community to join us. Contact us to learn more or stop by one of our meetings, held quarterly the first Thursday of January, April, July, and October at 7 p.m. at the Perry Public Library.

Mark your calendars for the 2019 annual Bunny Lunch that is set for Saturday, April 13 at the Perry Township Community Center. Tickets will be available late March at the Perry Township Office. Watch for more information.

Please visit us on our website: www.perry-lake.org/PerryWomensLeague.aspx or follow us on Facebook (The Perry Women's League). You can also write/email us at PO Box 418, Perry, Ohio 44081 or perrywomensleague@hotmail.com.

Again, thank you to all who have so generously supported us and on behalf of the Perry Women's League we wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Carrie Scales
PWL Secretary

PERRY RECREATION

We are pleased to announce we have a total of 21 youth basketball teams between boys and girls in 1st - 6th grades, plus another 40 kids in our Little Dribbler's program for pre-K students. Thanks to all of our coaches and other volunteers for making recreation basketball such a huge success!

We're also thankful for our 17 sponsors this season - Albrecht Family Dental, CLE Electric, Consolidated Precision Products, Desborough Construction, DK Heating & Sons, Expo Auto Group, French Chiropractic, Huntington Bank, K & K Roofing, LCE Federal Credit Union, Legends Photography, Morse Dental Lab, Perry PTA, Pup Cuts Grooming Salon, Severino-Hoza DDS, Tool Time Home Improvements and Vector Screen Printing.

Games started January 5th and will continue until February 23rd. Next on our sports schedule is Spring Volleyball which was very popular in 2018. Signups will begin in late January, so be sure to check www.perryrec.com for updates. Registration for T-Ball/Baseball/Softball will begin in March. You can also check out our Facebook page for pictures, updates, fun facts and more. Like us at www.facebook.com/PerryRec.

If this wasn't enough to keep us busy, we've begun working on the return of the Perry Fall Festival to be held September 7th. More information will be posted in the next edition of the Perry Bulletin Board.

Feel free to contact us at 440-259-9705 (ext. 9705) or recreation@perry-lake.com.

**Mike Smith and
Dave Whittaker**

Perry Community Shred Event

Secure paper shredding will be done on premises.

Perry Township Administration Building
3740 Center Rd.

February 16, 2019
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled for February 23rd from 10 am - 2 pm.

PERRY SENIOR CENTER

Life is Beautiful

Please welcome our new **Podiatrist** Dr. Guy Prince. Dr. Prince is looking forward to providing you with gentle foot care. Cost is \$25 per visit paid directly to the doctor. Call for more information or to schedule your appointment. **Must be a member to see Dr. Prince or Dr. Whaley.**

Life Line Screening - Wednesday, February 20th from 8:00am-5:30pm. Protect your health by participating in Life Line Screening health screenings. Through ultrasound, Lifeline will evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke. Register today for the stroke, vascular and heart rhythm package, which includes four screenings; carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle. **You do not need to be a senior center member to participate in this screening.**

We are once again partnering with Lifeline, Inc. to offer **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance** for the 2019 tax season. Please call the Senior Center at **440-259-3772** to make an appointment. This is a no cost program for those that qualify.

Travel Adventures at a Glance



January 28 th	Rocksino - \$20 free play / \$9.99 buffet / Cost \$30pp.
March 1 st	Historic and Ethnic Cleveland Part 1 - Fast-paced day seeing a number of ethnic and historic places where immigrants came to build their lives and leave a lasting legacy. \$69pp
April 12 th	Historic Churches of Cleveland - just in time for Easter, we'll continue our series of seeing the wonderful religious heritage of the Greater Cleveland area and visit churches we have not seen before. \$69pp.
April 29 th - May 4 th	Savannah, Jekyll Island & Charleston, SC - \$565pp. dbl. occ.
May 18 th	International Pipe and Drum Tattoo - Join us as we go to the Nautica Pavilion to see this immensely patriotic event in the time-honored tradition of the military tattoo, where the Pipes & Drums of numerous police departments throughout the United States and Canada combine their talents in a truly spectacular display of pageantry and music. Dinner at Windows-on-the-River. \$69pp.
May 20 th - 22 nd	Finger Lakes Wine Tasting Tour - Cost TBD.
June 14 th	JKL Summer Mystery Trip 1 - \$85pp.
July 2 nd	Amish Comedy Theatre - \$83pp.
August 9 th	Lincoln Highway Buyway Garage Sale - \$39pp
Aug. 25 th - Sept 4 th	Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, & New Brunswick - \$1299pp. dbl. occ.
Sept. 4 th - 6 th	Soaring Eagle and Mackinac Island - \$439pp. dbl. occ.
Sept. 28 th (New Date)	Barberton Mum Festival - \$79pp.
Sept. 30 th - Oct. 9 th	Rhine & Moselle River Cruise - \$4499.00pp. and up depending on cabin
October 3 rd - 4 th	Potawatomi Resort and the Shipshewana Craft Festival - Cost TBD.

*Seats are limited – Registration and deposits are required to reserve your spot. Early registration is critical to assure that no trips are cancelled.

**For pricing or more information on any of the above events or trips,
call the Perry Senior Center at 440-259-3772**

**Christine Znidarsic
Senior Center Director**

THE PERRY CENTER

During the last quarter of the year, activity at the Perry Center peaks. Although the routine assistance provided to those in need increases only slightly, preparation for Christmas begins in September and escalates up to the week in mid-December when all of the food boxes and gifts are given to those requesting assistance. This year the Center helped to provide Christmas for 106 households totaling 383 people. These households ranged from single individuals to families of nine. In each case, the household received a food basket made up of 42 different items with the quantity of each item based on family size. Everyone received gifts. The children received toys by way of the Sheetz Christmas Party, adoption, Toys for Tots or items provided by the Perry Center directly. Adults each received items such as pillows, bed sheets, blankets, towels, artificial Christmas trees, as well as miscellaneous gifts donated to the Center. Coats were provided to children in cases where there was a need. Gift cards were provided for those in need of shoes or boots.

There were so many people who helped in this effort that there is no way to thank everyone. The list includes individuals, families, churches, businesses, schools, service organizations and others. All aspects of the Perry community were involved. All we can say is "Thank you so much for your help!"

Recently, we received word that the Center has been selected to receive the Beacon Award as the nonprofit of 2019 from the Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce. This recognition is the result of the actions of many people. If you look at the way in which we function, you will find that we have the support of most local churches as well as the Salvation Army. Our volunteers give thousands of hours with no compensation. This includes those who are involved with the routine operation of the food bank, those that

do shopping or pickup of donations, those that help with items such as Easter Baskets, Summer Camp, school supplies and Christmas. It includes the support of Perry Schools in providing a location for the Perry Center. The Perry Service Learning classes play a major role in Perry Pirate Packs and food drive/bell ringing at Christmas. There are food drives throughout the year by organizations such as boy/girl scouts, Sunday School classes, 4-H groups, clubs, school groups/classes - even some individuals have friends/relatives donate to the Perry Center instead of buying them birthday presents.

In a typical month, 29 persons volunteer at the Center, working an average of just under 10 hours each month. With Christmas, December usually involves 70 individuals averaging 7 hours each. Total volunteer hours for a year of 3700 hours is impressive; however, that is only part of the picture. It does not include the time spent packing and distributing Perry Power Packs each week by PSL students. Time spent ringing the bell as part of the Red Kettle Drive is also significant. Shopping and wrapping gifts for adopted families is an additional number of hours. The actual making of gifts such as blankets, hats, scarves, gloves and so on should be considered. Conservatively, over 5,000 hours per year are donated to keep the Perry Center functioning. It truly is a community effort for which the Beacon Award is a result.

We are still in need of a second Administrator. For information regarding the duties of this position, contact Carole Martin at the Center. The Perry Center is open Tuesdays from 9 am to Noon and Fridays from 1 pm to 4 pm. Appointments are available as needed. The Center can be contacted at Box 446, Perry, OH 44081, by email at perrycenter@outlook.com or by phone at 440-259-3332.

Art Buser

Congratulations Wally!

At the first Lake County Commissioners meeting of the new year, long time former Perry Township Administrator and current Perry Economic Development Director and Perry Township Zoning Inspector, Wally Siegel, was appointed to the board of the Lake County Port and Economic Development Authority.

This is a great choice, not only for all of Lake County but has special significance for Perry, eastern Lake County and especially our townships. No one knows better than Wally the special challenges that face our townships who do not have many of the same economic development tools available to cities and villages. With Wally, we expect a clear voice in recognizing the major growth potential that exists in Lake County.

Thank you to the new Lake County Board of Commissioners for recognizing and filling this need!

Rick Amos, Trustee Chairman



PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

We hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday Season. As the winter weather continues, please make sure if you have a fire hydrant on your property to keep it clear. It will make our job easier being able to access the hydrant in case of an emergency. Addresses are also of a concern when responding. Many times, a mail box is used to confirm an address to a particular call and in the winter months, they may be covered with snow or damaged by plowing. Please try to have an adequate display of your address so the crews can find you. Please drive careful and have a safe and healthy 2019.

Chief James McDonald

Winter Safety Facts and Tips

The cold weather is kicking into high gear and here are some safety facts and tips to keep you and your family safe this winter season.

Statistics show just how real winter home fires are. Half of all winter house fires occur in December, January and February and over 905 people die in winter home fires each year. Two-thirds of those fires occur in one and two family homes. Cooking triggers most winter home fires, and between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. is the most common time winter home fires happen. Heating equipment is the culprit of one in seven winter house fires and one in five winter house fire deaths.

Safety Tips: Only plug one heat-producing electrical appliance in at a time in an electrical socket (such as a space heater). Make sure your space heater can automatically turn off in case it tips over. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters. Close wood stove doors unless stoking the fire or adding wood or pellets. Get a qualified professional to inspect your chimney and vents every year. Store cooled ashes at least 10 feet from your home in a tightly sealed metal container. Make sure to have a carbon monoxide alarm installed and test it at least once per month. Place portable generators away from windows and as far away as possible from your house.

With the upcoming low temperatures, local ponds, lakes, and rivers may develop a covering of ice and may present a dangerous temptation to outdoor recreationists. Perry Fire would like to caution everyone that **NO ICE IS SAFE ICE!**

Victims that fall through the ice can quickly succumb to the freezing temperatures and drown before emergency help can arrive. A person partially submerged in 32.5 degree F water has less than 10 minutes before they lose muscular control and soon after that they will lose consciousness. Even if removed, they can suffer life threatening cardiac arrhythmia caused by the severe cooling of the blood in their system.

Good Samaritans remember – if it didn't support their weight, **IT WON'T SUPPORT YOURS!** The best course of action is to get emergency help on the way immediately. If you do recover someone who has fallen into freezing water, cover them with something dry to retain warmth and keep them still.

Perry Fire Department takes pride in providing the finest, most aggressive life safety and fire protection service to the citizens of Perry. We ask that you partner with us in ringing in the New Year with safe outdoor activities.

John Cumberledge
FF/PM/Pub. Ed Specialist

From the desk of...

Happy New Year! There is great news for those that enjoy recycling but cannot afford the extra cost!! The Lake County Solid Waste District is now providing recycling free of charge to Lake County residents. The District has entered into a contract with Rumpke Waste and Recycling for a single stream drop-off recycling bin to be placed at the Lake County Landfill, located at 2039 Blase Nemeth Road in Painesville Township. The bin is available for all Lake County residents and businesses Monday thru Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. Please check our website for details on what they will collect.

The Township Trustees, along with Hometown Press, have produced the 2019 Township Map and Information Guide. The Guide includes information about the Township and contains a map of Perry, including North Perry Village and Perry Village. The map also includes voting precincts and other points of interest. This Guide was produced at no cost to the Township, thanks to the businesses listed around the map. Please take note and support the businesses that advertised in the Guide. Watch for this piece to arrive in your mailbox in early February.

Remember, we offer a Yard Waste Drop-off Facility at 4720 Webb Road. This facility is open M-F 7:30 - 3:00 and on Saturdays from 8-Noon. Please note that we have made some changes to what can be accepted. We are unable to accept tree stumps and large chunk wood because we are unable to grind them and the Township must then pay a fee to have them disposed of. Also, material needs to be no wider than 6" in diameter and shorter than 4' in length so they can be handled by our Service Department.

We are happy to report that we have once again been awarded a grant from NOPEC to sponsor a community event. We will be hosting our 2nd Annual Movie Night this summer. Please watch for details to follow.

**Karen Sundy
Administrator**

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call (440) 417-2010**

Zoning Office:

3840 Middle Ridge Rd.

259-1004

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