



# The Perry BULLETIN BOARD

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## *From the desk of...*

Well, spring weather is right around the corner. We made it through another Northeast Ohio winter and lucky for us, it was pretty mild. Pending any spring snowstorms, we should start the next winter season off with a good supply of road salt.

The Township Trustees regretfully announce that we will no longer be able to subsidize the **Outdoor YMCA Summer Swim Program**. In 2010, we had 463 families participating in the program and that level has been dropping each year. Last year, it was down to 234 families. Of those families, a trend we have seen for several years, many only attended the Outdoor Y once or twice the entire summer.

As our budget continues to shrink, it is important we do all we can to provide critical services needed by our community. Unfortunately, a case to continue to support the Y program based on cost and participation level could no longer be made. We are very sorry for the families who will be impacted by this. We encourage all to work with the YMCA to review any options to continue with the program on an individual basis.

Here are a few updates regarding County projects and County roads: The Vrooman Road Bridge Project is moving along. The bridge is expected to be open in Spring of 2020 with the entire project to be completed in Fall of 2020. You can check the LC Engineer's website or the Township's website to view the live cam on the project. The Engineer's office is in the process of interviewing/hiring a consultant to do the planning study for future improvements on Lane Road (from State Route 84 to US Route 20). They hope to have a firm hired by this summer.

The County Engineer has presented a plan for paving projects in 2019. Bids have been opened for the following projects and will be completed this Spring: **Narrows Road** from US 20 to the Perry Village line, **Middle Ridge Road** from Call Road to Townline Road, **River Road** from Adams Road to the YMCA Camp and **Hale Road** from US 20 to Lane Road is planned for summer paving. Please keep in mind that this plan is preliminary and subject to change based on deteriorating pavement condition ratings, emergencies, etc. The Engineer also has a new **Lake County Construction Map** that you can follow on the various projects. The link is <https://arcg.is/1aXCaq>.

The Ohio Department of Transportation has contracted with CT Consultants to complete the preliminary engineering for the **LAK-20 (Route 20) Highway Safety Project** (from SR-2 to the Ashtabula County Line). We are grateful that this project has risen to the top of the work list. The project is a four-lane pavement replacement. The current road consists of 4- 10' wide lanes. The plan is to bring the lane dimensions up to current standards: the two middle lanes will measure 11' wide and the two outside lanes will measure 13' wide. This will add roughly 4 feet on each side of Route 20. The approximate total width of the road right-of-way on Route 20 is 60', 30' on each side. This varies at different sections of the roadway.

This project will also include much needed improvements to the curbs, gutters and drainage. ODOT had originally hoped to not have to go outside of any road right-of-ways, but that will be determined by the study results. This case-by-case situation will be between the property owners and ODOT. It is also very possible that some of the utility poles will need to be moved as well. The construction only cost of this project is estimated to be \$50 million. As part of the preliminary study, CT Consultants will evaluate the best way to break up the corridor into separate construction projects. Construction of the corridor will take approximately 5 years.

**Karen Sundy, Administrator**



## PERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The winter weather has been kind to the Perry area this season, with really not too much to complain about.

Although there was one scare on Saturday night, January 19<sup>th</sup>, when the winds kicked up with a fury and it seemed like a blizzard was in the making. But fortunately, it did not match the blizzard weather of 1978 that this area experienced. With March now upon us, let's all think positive.... Spring is here to stay.... and we are on our way to a bright, sunny summer!

With winter months gone, beginning in April, the Perry Historical Museum and the Perry Historical Workroom will resume regular visiting hours. The regular visiting hours for the museum, beginning on April 13, will again be scheduled this year on the second Saturday of each month from noon until 4:00 p.m. There will be many new displays for the museum visitors to see and enjoy in this coming year. The Perry Historical Workroom, where the society's monthly meetings are also held, will be resuming regular scheduled hours each Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until noon. The workroom, located in the Manchester West School building modules at 4261 Manchester Street, is voluntarily staffed and welcomes all to stop in to visit or to browse through the many history files and binders available. Please remember, that special request for individual visits, family or group tour visits are always welcomed. For special visiting arrangements for both the museum and the workroom, please contact **Carolyn Coatoam** at **440-413-4126**, or leave a phone message at the museum at **440-259-4541**. She will be glad to accommodate your requests.

### *A little bit of Perry history...*

I wonder how many Perry residents remember the name of Mary Verdi, known as Mary Verdi-Fletcher? Mary's parents, Silvio and Nancy Verdi once lived in the large Queen Ann Victorian home in Perry Village at 4153 Main Street that was built by James McVitty in 1904. This once elegant home remains empty now, with many memories of the past locked inside. Yet, there is so much history of Perry that remains unknown and to be revealed within those walls. The story of Mary Verdi-Fletcher is just part of that history.

The McVitty home on Main Street was just one of Mary Verdi-Fletcher's parents' homes where she had lived and where her dreams began to take hold. Though born with the birth defect of spina bifida, Mary never stopped dreaming of a day that she would be able to become a dancer. With her mother Nancy and twin sister, both having been Vaudeville dancers, and her father Silvio with his musical talent, dancing and music became a natural part of Mary's daily young life. But, just how would this young dreamer, bound in a wheelchair, pursue a career and become a dancer? Determined to show that it could be done, she and a dancing partner, David Brewster, took a chance to enter a dancing competition in 1980 that was held at the Cosmopolitan dance club, in Willoughby, Ohio. Many in attendance wondered just how could this young lady in a wheelchair dance at all? But along with the help of her partner that evening, and with her wheelchair swaying to the music around the dance floor, she was able to show that a wheelchair bound person could really dance. Mary Verdi-Fletcher, as a professional wheelchair dancer, is now worldwide known as the founder of her "Dancing Wheels Company" in Cleveland, Ohio. She has inspired many others to move forward in life, to follow their dreams as she was determined to do... to become the dancer she had always dreamed of being while growing up.

**Mary L. Platko, Historian**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL**

St. Cyprian's Church will be hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Food Festival on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, following their multi-lingual Mass at 11:00 am. The festival will run from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Our Festival includes food prepared from at least eight different countries, free live music, free water and pop, and a Silent Auction. Tickets for the food for this event are 10 for \$10. Each ticket will enable you to taste one type of food. Proceeds from this event will be used to replace the dividing classroom walls in our Church Hall. For questions, you may contact **Lisa Wardeiner** at **(440) 352-3103**.

**Lisa Wardeiner**



## PERRY CEMETERY

The Service Department will be repairing any winter damage that was done in the cemeteries and getting the grounds back in tiptop shape. **Any stray Christmas/winter decorations that our personnel have found, will be placed next to the green block building in the center of the cemetery until April 30. Any decorations not picked up by that date will be discarded.**

Another sure sign of spring in the cemetery is pouring of foundations. If you'd like to make sure that monuments are placed before Memorial Day, please have your orders for foundations in by the end of April. Feel free to check with us to make sure we've received the foundation request from your monument company. You can ask for Sandi, Karen or Michele when calling **440-259-5140** and we'll be able to tell you.

Please remember when planting around monuments or markers, shrubs or trees should be of the miniature or dwarf variety and plantings should not extend beyond 12 inches of the headstone or marker. This enables us to mow and trim in an efficient manner and accomplish burials in the next graves without disturbing your landscaping. If you have questions, please feel free to call me at 259-5140. If your landscaping extends beyond 12 inches around headstones, you run the risk of cemetery personnel having to dismantle your work when a burial occurs in an adjacent grave. To review all of our cemetery regulations, please visit the Cemetery section at [www.perrytownship-lake.com](http://www.perrytownship-lake.com).

Remember, too, with Memorial Day coming, that we have the Veterans' Monument at Center Road Cemetery. Veterans' bricks can be ordered at a cost of \$40 each to commemorate military service. Please ask for Sandi at the Township office if you'd like more information on this.

**Michele Woltman, Sexton**

### Attention 2019 High School Graduates

The St. Cyprian Community cordially invites ALL 2019 graduates (and their family) to a Baccalaureate Service on Friday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Graduates should wear their cap and gown and report to St. Cyprian's Alexander Hall, 4223 Middle Ridge Road by 6:15 p.m. An informal reception will be held immediately after in Alexander Hall. Questions? Contact Carrie Scales - [jcmscales@yahoo.com](mailto:jcmscales@yahoo.com).

## WHAT ARE THOSE HELICOPTERS SPRAYING?

Helicopters were flying over Perry on May 25, 2018 last year spraying tree lines and nursery stock. What were they spraying? Why from a helicopter?

Currently, 51 counties in Ohio are regulated under the Gypsy Moth quarantine. Gypsy Moth regulated articles include, but are not limited to:

- trees and woody shrubs, including cut Christmas trees
- logs, pulpwood, slab-wood, firewood, and wood-bark chips
- outdoor household articles, including tables, doghouses, planters, garden equipment, playhouses, and recreational vehicles
- other products or articles, or means of conveyance that may carry a life stage of the Gypsy Moth

Producers who ship nursery stock out of regulated areas to non-regulated areas must have their stock inspected and a certificate, which attests to the fact that their product is free of gypsy moth, must accompany each load. Producers, who make repeated shipments, are urged to take steps necessary to qualify for a "Gypsy Moth Compliance Agreement" and master certificate; otherwise, they will face delays in obtaining certificates.

Compliance Agreements are written agreements between an entity engaged in growing, selling, processing, or moving regulated articles from a regulated area and the Ohio Department of Agriculture, setting forth specified conditions to prevent the spread of the gypsy moth. This agreement is needed by anyone moving regulated articles out of a regulated area to a non-regulated area and anyone in a non-regulated area receiving regulated articles from a regulated area.

One main requirement for the compliance agreement is that nurseries must apply a USDA-approved insecticide to the entire growing area in mid to late May. For more information, contact the Plant Pest Control Section at 614-728-6400 or your local nursery inspector.

Assume that helicopters will be spraying in late May 2019. Typically, the product sprayed is a growth regulator that prohibits the European Gypsy Moth to complete its life cycle into an adult moth that is able to reproduce. The product used has a low toxicity to people and pets. People are encourage to stay indoors while active spraying is occurring. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the Ohio State University Office of Extension – Lake County, Ohio.

**Thomas deHaas**  
**Agriculture Natural Resource Educator**

## PERRY WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Perry Women's League Annual **Bunny Lunch** is being held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Perry Community Center. Only 300 tickets for the event are available for purchase at the Perry Township Administrative Office until Friday, April 12. We have been fortunate the past few years and have sold out prior to the event! We look forward to hosting this fun-filled event complete with live bunnies, our famous 4000-egg Egg Hunt, great kids entertainment, pictures with our own Easter Bunny, good food, and an amazing Chinese Auction! A huge **thank you** to all who have donated to-date to help make Easter just a bit more special for so many of our community members!

**Community Green Day** will take place on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. This event is a joint effort between the PWL, the Perry High School Service Learning group, Recycling Club and the PHS United Way Club. The event is held annually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of April and focuses on cleaning up public areas, recycling and helping folks who need assistance with spring yard clean up. The PWL will continue to support this event this year by coordinating a continental breakfast for all the volunteers at the high school prior to clean-up efforts. This is a great opportunity for you to get your family involved in keeping our community clean and helping others in need of assistance! If you are interested in signing up to assist with clean-up efforts please sign-up through the Perry Service Learning website: [www.perryservicelearning.weebly.com](http://www.perryservicelearning.weebly.com)

**Attention Perry High School Seniors:** The Perry Women's League will be offering a \$500 scholarship to two Perry High School graduating seniors seeking post-secondary education who display exemplary citizenship through community service. Applications can be found on the PHS Guidance Department website. Deadline for application is Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Our scholarship recipients will be announced during the Senior Breakfast on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

We welcome anyone looking for a way to give back to our community to contact us to learn more or stop by one of our meetings – held quarterly on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Perry Public Library. Please visit us on our website: [www.perry-lake.org/PerryWomensLeague.aspx](http://www.perry-lake.org/PerryWomensLeague.aspx); follow us on Facebook (The Perry Women's League); or email us at: [perrywomensleague@hotmail.com](mailto:perrywomensleague@hotmail.com) for more information.

**Carrie Scales, PWL Secretary**

# Perry Township Park 2019 Summer Concert Series

Every Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> - Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

At the end of Perry Park Rd.

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| July 10 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Rte 212</b><br><i>Country / Rock</i>                                       |
| July 17 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Rocker &amp;<br/>The Blackjack Gypsies</b><br><i>Acoustic Rock-n-Retro</i> |
| July 24 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Free Howie</b><br><i>70's, 80's &amp; 90's</i>                             |
| July 31 <sup>st</sup> | <b>Incahootz</b><br><i>Lite Rock / Mix</i>                                    |
| Aug. 7 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Andy's Last Band</b><br><i>Passion Driven Classic Rock</i>                 |
| Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Castaways</b><br><i>50's, 60's, Rock &amp; Motown</i>                      |
| Aug. 21 <sup>st</sup> | <b>Swamp Rattlers</b><br><i>Blues, Rock, Americana</i>                        |

- ★ Free Admission
- ★ Bring Blanket or Lawn Chair
- ★ Concessions Available



# PERRY SENIOR CENTER

*Life is Beautiful*



## 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM  
\$10 per person Children under 10 - \$5

Enjoy great food, door prizes, 50/50 raffle and reverse raffle side boards

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Senior Center or at the door until sold out!

### **Lifting Weights At Any Age Has Rewards, But After Age Fifty It Can Change Your Life!!!**

If you are like most people that have not maintained a fitness regimen, you may now have joint stiffness, sore backs, trouble sleeping, and mental foginess. Could pumping iron really help turn things around? It sure could! Strength training later in life has many benefits. As we age, our muscle fibers shrink in number and in size, contributing to a loss of strength, balance, and coordination. Age, along with genetics, diet, smoking, alcohol use and lack of physical activity, may contribute to this decline. The good news is that resistance training can reverse much of this decline. Most older adults are aware that they need regular aerobic exercise like walking, dancing or swimming for their heart and lungs but do not do any form of resistance training. Research has found that resistance training is the only type of exercise that can slow or even reverse the declines in muscle, bone density and strength that were once considered unavoidable parts of aging. If you would like to begin strength training, check with your doctor before beginning any program and remember to start out slowly. Resistance bands and light free weights are excellent tools for the beginner and proper form is a must. We have several classes that incorporate resistance training. Check out our web page at [www.perryseniorcenter.net](http://www.perryseniorcenter.net) for classes that will get you started. We look forward to helping you live your best life possible! To your health!!

### **TRAVEL ADVENTURES AT A GLANCE**

- April 29<sup>th</sup> - May 4<sup>th</sup> **Savannah, Jekyll Island & Charleston, SC** - 5 nights lodging, 8 meals, guided tour of Savannah, St. Simons Island, Jekyll Island, historic Charleston, harbor cruise and more. \$565pp. dbl. occ.
- May 18<sup>th</sup> **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. Mild walking.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> **Finger Lakes Wine Tasting Tour** - Enjoy Spring as we explore museums, have several wine tastings, take a wine tasting class, experience fine dining and more. \$528pp. dbl. occ.
- June 14<sup>th</sup> **JKL Summer Mystery Trip 1** - You will need a sense of adventure, a good sense of humor and comfortable walking shoes. Lunch and surprises are included. You won't need a passport, but you will need proper ID, bring a camera because there is lots to see. Make your plans to join us and be sure to save the date. Space is limited to one bus so don't call too late!!! Depart 7:30am Return 6:00pm. \$85pp.
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> **Amish Comedy Theatre** - Visit Smucker's Company Store, Ashery Country Store, Dutch Valley Restaurant, and of course the current variety show production at the Amish Country Theatre. \$83pp.
- Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> **Lincoln Highway Buyway Garage Sale** - Calling all bargain hunter enthusiasts!! The trip is best for people who are very flexible in a group setting and enjoy walking as we will meander from one sale to the next enjoying scenic vistas throughout central Ohio. \$41pp. **PRICE CHANGE**
- Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> - Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> **Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, & New Brunswick** - 10 nights lodging, 18 meals, guided tour of Acadia National Park, Prince Edward Island, Halifax, Peggy's Cove and Lunenburg. Admission to King's Island Historical Settlement and Hopewell Rocks and more. \$1299pp. dbl. occ.

\*\*\*For info on additional trips scheduled or to join the Perry Senior Center, call 440-259-3772.

**Christine Znidarsic, Senior Center Director**

## PERRY CENTER

With the coming of spring, the primary activities at the Perry Center are the usual types of assistance provided to our clients. However, in addition, plans have begun for Easter baskets including all sorts of candy and toys. Applications for these baskets are taken for children of clients up to and including the age of 12 years old. These baskets will be given out on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Shortly after that, we begin taking applications for Salvation Army Camp NEOSA on Leesville Lake in Carrollton, Ohio. This camp is available to any child under 13 years old that wishes to have a week of fun including a bus trip to and from camp. Most children that attend this camp return for more than one year. Applications for camp will be available around the end of April.

In the past few weeks, the Perry Center has begun assisting the Thriving Threads clothing room by providing volunteers. This means that the clothing room will be available not only whenever the Perry Center is open but also any additional hours chosen by PSL. Therefore, those individuals coming for food will also be able to shop for clothes in the same trip. This is important in that our clients do not have the extra funds to make separate trips for food and clothing. In some cases, they do not have vehicles and must rely on friends and family for transportation – as such, they do not want to impose more than necessary.

We at the Perry Center recently started a fund named simply “Payout.” This fund will be used only in very special cases where an individual has all of the characteristics not only to be successful but also to make a genuine contribution to society. These persons have the physical and mental ability, the work ethic, the drive and determination if given the chance. Sometimes they are held back because of family circumstances – a broken home, an ill parent, a parent with addictions or a variety of other problems. This fund will provide assistance in whatever form needed to give such an individual a Payout. Contributions should be designated for this fund.

We are still in need of volunteers in two areas. We are in need of a second Administrator. For information regarding the duties of this position, contact Carole Martin at the Center. Also, we need individuals to make pickups at retail stores as well as locations having produce giveaways on a regular basis. The frequency and timing for these pickups would be dependent on the volunteer’s schedule. If interested, please call Art Buser 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, at 440-259-3332, or by email at [perrycenter@outlook.com](mailto:perrycenter@outlook.com).

Art Buser

### YARD WASTE & PAPER DROP-OFF SITE

Perry Township Road Garage  
4720 Webb Road

Monday thru Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday  
8:00 a.m. till Noon



May 7<sup>th</sup>

Special Election

# PERRY TOWNSHIP SPRING TRASH CLEAN-UP

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>**  
*(Residents North of CSX Tracks)*

&

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>**  
*(Residents South of CSX Tracks)*

CSX Tracks are those closest to Main Street

**Beginning at 5:00 a.m.**

Curbside Clean-up conducted by  
Waste Management

for residents of Perry Township & Perry Village

(North Perry conducts their own pickup)

## CLEAN-UP GUIDELINES

1. All items to be at curb by 5:00 a.m.
2. No metal over 4 ft. in length (metal collection at Road Garage)
3. No tires at curbside (collection at Road Garage)
4. No containers or boxes over 50 pounds
5. Unacceptable items: batteries, leaves, brush, yard waste, hazardous materials, liquid paint, dead animals, propane tanks, gas tanks & regular household garbage.
6. No engine blocks or heavy automobile parts
7. Items such as shingles, plasterboard, etc. must be boxed or in a container.
8. Mattresses and cloth furniture must be wrapped in plastic.
9. Items containing freon will be collected.

Yard Waste, Tire & Metal Collections will be conducted on April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup> between 8:00 a.m. & Noon at the Road Garage, 4720 Webb Rd. All rims must be removed from tires prior to drop off.

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**PERRY TOWNSHIP**

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**perrytownship-lake.com**

**Administration & Cemetery  
Offices:**

3740 Center Rd.  
259-5140

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**To reach the Cemetery Sexton after  
regular business hours or on weekends  
call (440) 417-2010**

**Zoning Office:**

3840 Middle Ridge Rd.  
259-1004

**Fire District:**

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Non-Emergency Phone  
259-2880

**EMERGENCY ONLY - 911**

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