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From the desk of...

2020 is the year of the Census!!!! The Census is completed once every ten years. Responding to the census helps communities get the funding they need and helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow the economy. The information that is collected is safe and secure. The census collects basic information, such as age, sex, and race, for every person in every household as of April 1st. There are three ways to respond to the census: online, by phone and by mail. You can access the questionnaire on March 12, 2020. Once you complete the census, you will not receive any other mail from the Census Bureau. **Please take the time to Be Counted!!!** For more information, visit www.2020census.gov.

The Lake County Engineer has presented the list of County owned roads that they will have paved in 2020. These projects will go out for bid beginning this month and continuing throughout the year. The paving projects will be completed by early fall. The roads that are located in Perry Township are the following: **River Road** - from the new cul-de-sac to approximately Adams Road, **Call Road** - from Harper Street to Middle Ridge and **Center Road** - from the Perry Village line to US Route 20. These roads are in poor condition and will be a nice improvement to the Township.

At the Board of Trustees Meeting on December 24th, the Trustees approved the annual preliminary appropriations, and with the passage of the levy, the budget is in the black. The budget has provisions setting aside allocations to apply for matching road grants to use for paving in the coming years. We were recently notified by the Lake County Commissioners that they are offering one time Road Improvement Grants to the local communities. The amount of the grant is determined by Motor Vehicle Registrations in the Township. Perry Township is eligible to receive \$47,872.73. We will be determining how to best utilize this money to improve the roads in the Township.

Back in summer, we were approved to receive a Safety Signage Grant through the Ohio Department of Transportation. The Grant amount was approximately \$28,400. The Township was not required to spend any money and the order was placed directly with ODOT. The items were delivered directly to the Service Garage. The Township was able to make this a Cooperative Agreement and include North Perry Village and Perry Village on the award. All three entities ordered new signage such as speed signs, stop signs, directional signs and accompanying hardware. As time and weather permits, you should see this signs being installed throughout the community!

From time to time, Perry Township has opportunities for residents to serve on different boards. The openings are generally residents of the Township that are appointed by the Board of Trustees. Some of the Boards included are the Perry Area Joint Recreation Board, the Zoning Commission, Perry Economic Development Council, Board of Zoning Appeals and the Perry Fall Festival. If you would be interested in serving on a Board in the future, please send a letter of interest to the attention of the Perry Township Administrator. We will keep it on file for when such an opening exists.

Karen Sundy, Administrator

PERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Another year has gone by! We leave 2019 and will now travel through the New Year of 2020. It seems only yesterday that there was much concern, by so many in this world of ours, when we were heading into that new millennium year of 2000. But after twenty years behind us, we know now it was ushered in without any fanfare. With the new year now upon us, members of the Perry Historical Society wish to extend their very best wishes with the hope that it will be a very healthy and happy one for all.

Although there was a little rain that came down instead of the usual snow for Perry Historical Society's annual musical event, there is no need to complain about Mother Nature's winter weather here in the Perry area...just yet! Once again, all who attended the annual open house event enjoyed it. The open house Christmas musical was held at the Perry Historical Museum on Saturday, December 14 from 12 until 3 p.m. With the beautiful Christmas decorations that adorned the museum and the joyful sound of **Kathy Zetts quintet**, the musical group's performance of Christmas music was a pleasure to hear. Entertainment was also provided by society member **Don Densmore** who, along with the musical talent on his accordion, led all with a "sing-along" of favorite Christmas carols. The Perry Historical Society extends to Don and to Kathy Zetts quintet, heartfelt thanks for their wonderful entertainment. The Christmas open house for the museum is always held in December of each year so keep that in mind when the end of the year rolls around next year. Always a pleasure to listen to, there is never an admission fee and always an assortment of "goodies" to enjoy.

Please note as in past years, the museum and Perry Society's work room (located next to the Food Center at 4261 Manchester Street), will postpone regular

visiting hours during the cold winter months of January, February and March of 2020. Regular visiting hours for both will resume again in the month of April, 2020. Special visiting requests during those months will be honored throughout the entire year. Visiting arrangements, tours or any other information needed regarding the Perry Historical Society, can be made by calling contact member, **Carolyn Coatoam** at **440-413-4126**.

It is sad to know of the passing of **Marilyn and Vaughn Johnson**, two of our dear faithful members of the Perry Historical Society. Always together in life, they continued to be as such when both were honored at a memorial service held during the month of October, 2019. Marilyn served as the second president of the Perry Historical Society at its beginning. Always ready to lend a helping hand, she was very active in many of the organization's activities throughout the years. "Dutch" who was just a few months short of his 100th birthday, was very active in the Perry community as well. Members of the Society extends their condolences to the entire Johnson family.

With so many of our original members of the Society passing on, the Perry Historical Society is always in need of new members to keep the organization up and running. The annual membership fees are very reasonable and the Society can use your talents, whatever they may be, or just come join to enjoy the fellowship you will find among the members. Should you need any information on membership or any questions whatsoever, please refer to the contact information found above in this article. Your interest and your questions are always welcome.

Mary L. Platko
Historian

**YARD WASTE DROP-OFF
AT TOWNSHIP SERVICE GARAGE ON WEBB ROAD
SET TO RE-OPEN SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH**

PERRY CEMETERY

As I'm writing this, the sun is shining, there's no snow on the ground and outside temp is 34 degrees, (looking at it from inside though, seems like 60). So far, snow in the cemeteries hasn't caused any problems, but keep in mind that although the Road Department keeps the cemetery drives clear, drifting happens quickly and driving can become tricky on the narrow drives.

We're planning to pour foundations a little later than usual this spring - hopefully, the first or second week of May. Please keep this in mind when ordering your monuments. Our main objective is to get everyone's monuments placed by Memorial Day so if we receive orders from the monument companies by May 1st, we should be able to accomplish this.

Recently, I've had questions about what happens to unused graves if parents, who own multiple graves, pass away. If the graves are designated to someone in a will, the ownership passes directly to that person. To keep things clear, it's a good idea to contact the cemetery & have a new deed prepared in the new owner's name.

If there isn't a will in place that addresses the graves, ownership of the unused graves passes to the next closest living relatives (usually children) who must then decide unanimously in writing how the graves will be used or if they will be reconveyed back to Perry Township.

For parents who wish to simplify this, you may request that your unused graves be deeded to your children who will use them. If you call the **Township Office** at **440-259-5140**, we can prepare deeds that will ensure your children have ownership of the graves you want them to use. There is no cost for this service, but it can definitely save your family some time and aggravation in the future.

As always, if you have questions about the cemeteries or we can help you in any way, please call the Township Office and ask for Sandi, Karen or myself.

Michele Woltman
Sexton

PROTECTING OUR STORMWATER BY PREVENTING POLLUTED RUNOFF

Rain and snow melt that runs over your property and into the storm drain or ditch goes to our waterways untreated. This runoff carries stormwater pollutants such as fertilizers, pesticides, pet waste, winter road salt, oil and gas, litter, eroded soil, and so much more.

Surfaces like driveways, sidewalks and streets prevent stormwater runoff from naturally soaking into the ground. Use permeable pavers to reduce runoff, trap sediment and filter pollutants.

Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals and dirt. The first inch of rainfall is responsible for the bulk of the pollutants in stormwater runoff.

Do not pour used motor oil or liquid waste down floor drains, sinks or storm drains. Just one quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of drinking water.

Homeowners can prevent polluted runoff by using fertilizers and chemicals sparingly, maintaining septic systems, and picking up pet waste.



PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday Season. As the winter weather begins, 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 a concern when responding. Many times, a mail box is used to confirm the address to a particular call. 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 2020.

Chief James McDonald

The New Year is upon us and this is the time when many of us resolve to make improvements in our lives. Most often, those improvements are focused on our health, which is definitely great, but we hope you will also consider focusing on fire safety in the home with these tips.

- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. The NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency) has found that 3 out of 5 home fire deaths are a result from fires in homes that did not have working smoke detectors. Please contact the Fire Department if you need help replacing or testing your smoke detectors. And remember, smoke detectors have a shelf life of 10 years. If your detector is older than 10 years, please replace it.
- Don't place space heaters too close to objects. Keep a 3 foot clearance of combustible surfaces. Please don't leave them unattended while running.

We hope you find these tips helpful and you will incorporate them in your 2020 resolutions. From all of us here at the Perry Joint Fire District, we wish you and yours a Happy New Year!!

Captain Timothy Sitz

Winter Safety Tips for the Home

Protecting Your Home: Every home should have a disaster supplies kit that contains at least the basics: a flashlight or battery-operated lantern, portable radio, extra batteries, first aid kit, bottled water/juices, nonperishable food, manual can opener, and extra blankets for warmth.

Other items to consider included in the kit are extra prescriptions and items for babies or family members with special needs. Store an ample supply of items necessary to sustain every member in the home for at least three days, in case you're snowed or iced in.

Make sure auxiliary heaters and fireplaces are adequately maintained and serviced. Many fires related to auxiliary heating sources are preventable through simple maintenance.

Outside the Home: Remove dead tree branches, ice and snow, combined with winter winds, can cause limbs to snap and break and could do damage to your home.

Clean gutters. Snow and ice can build up quickly, especially if your gutters are clogged with debris. When thawing begins, water from melting ice have nowhere to drain and can back up under your roof and eaves, causing water damage to walls and ceilings. Consider buying screens to keep your gutters debris-free.

It has been a slow start to the winter, but we are all aware of how the weather in NE Ohio can be, we are bound to get that dreaded white stuff. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable 2020.

FF. John Cumberledge
Pub Ed Specialist



Every town is an important part of the American story.

Make sure your town's story is told by responding to the 2020 Census—the count of everyone living in the United States. When you do, you'll also help your town get the most out of the American dream.

Responding Is Important for Your Community

Census responses provide data that can attract new businesses and the jobs that come with them. The data also informs where over \$675 billion in federal funding is spent each year in states and communities. That includes money for things like:

- Medicare Part B
- Special education
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Cooperative Extension Service
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
- Water and waste disposal systems for rural communities

Responding Is Safe

Your personal information is kept confidential by law.

Responding Is Easy

To complete the census, answer a handful of questions online, by phone, or by mail. Choose the option that works best for you.

Every Person Counts

Whether it's funding in communities across your state or helping determine the number of seats your state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives—every count makes an equal impact.



For more information Please Contact us at
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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 2019. We pre-sold all 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, provided a full Thanksgiving meal and items to fill their pantry to four Perry families (10 people) in November, 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 four 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 2020 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 2020 annual Bunny Lunch that is set for Saturday, April 4 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

THE PERRY CENTER

It is with a thankful and happy heart that I write this. Christmas at The Perry Center, this year, was outstanding! The response from the community, school, governmental agencies, businesses, groups and organizations was wonderful.

We received donations from ten (10) food drives sponsored by the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Veterans and First Responders, elementary students, high school students, local businesses and groups from neighboring communities. We had monetary donations, gift donations and food donations from numerous individuals, organizations and businesses. Our churches provided food items for our clients' food baskets. **Sheetz** provided a Christmas party and gifts for seventeen (17) of our clients' children and **Toys 4 Tots** provided gifts for seventeen (17) other children. Special thanks to **Rideout's IGA** and **West Orchards** for your support.

We had twenty-eight (28) individuals, businesses and organizations adopt thirty-five (35) families. In total, we were able to provide "Christmas" for ninety-two (92)

families, fifty-eight (58) of whom, had a total of 133 children for a total of three hundred fifteen (315) people served.

The **Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign** is a major part of The Perry Center's financial support for the year. Thanks to the many "**bell ringers**" for your help this year. Much appreciation to Earl Johnson for directing the cause and to **Don Bartlett** and **Lisa Huston** for their support.

Our list of volunteers is extensive and without all of you, none of what we do would be possible.

We are truly grateful for this amazing community and the people here. Your kindness and generosity is outstanding and very much appreciated.

Blessings to all and a wish for a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Carole Martin
Co-Administrator

PERRY SENIOR CENTER

Life is Beautiful



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 who qualify.

TRAVEL ADVENTURES AT A GLANCE



February 26, 2020 **Historic and Ethnic Tour of Cleveland Part 2** – We will start this tour at the site of the very first filming of a bank robbery in the world right here in Cleveland. Followed by our very own inner-city vineyard, Chateau HOUGH and the wonderfully restored League Park. We will have a chance to experience Cleveland's answer to New York's Greenwich Village at Coventry-on-the-Heights and take in the specialties of one of the oldest Kosher grocery store and bakeries in Cleveland. We will have lunch at an authentic Hungarian restaurant and so much more. Moderate walking. Cost \$77pp.

March 6, 2020 **Chocolate and Wine for Valentines!** – Join us on an after Valentines Adventure. We'll start by visiting Harry London Chocolates, then on to a new and charming boutique, Cherry Road Winery in Massillon for wine tasting. Next, we'll have wine sampling and lunch at the amazing Gervasi Winery in their rustic and beautifully restored barn and then a visit to Hartville Chocolates before completing our day at the delightful Maize Valley Winery and Farm Market. Moderate Walking. Cost \$81pp.

May 5, 2020 **Welcome Spring in the Country** – Moderate Walking. Cost \$77pp. Details to follow.

May 15 - 19, 2020 **New York City** – 5 days, 4 nights, 8 meals, full day guided tour of New York City. Visit Ellis Island, Liberty Island, the new National 911 Museum and the stunning One World Observatory. Cost \$639pp. dbl. occ. DEPOSIT IS DUE NOW!!!

June 22 - 25, 2020 **Sound of Music in Vermont** – 4 days, 3 nights, 5 meals, tasting at Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Von Trapp Historic guided tour, visit to Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, visit to Quechee Gorge, Montpelier, Sugarbush Farm with samplings, visit to Woodstock Village and more. Cost \$549pp. dbl. occ.

August 12 - 14, 2020 **Lancaster, PA Sight and Sound Theatre** – 3 days, 2 nights, 4 meals, an Amish Feast at Hershey Farm, dinner show at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, guided tour of the Amish lands of Lancaster, visit the lovely Kitchen Kettle Village, visit Tanger Outlets and of course reserved front and center floor seating at the Sight and Sound Theatre to see Queen Esther. Cost \$439pp. dbl. occ.

September 13 - 18, 2020 **Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket** – 6 days, 5 nights, 10 meals, including one dinner on Martha's Vineyard with entertainment, Martha's Vineyard cruise and tour, guided tour of Cape-Codder, Cape Cod Lighthouse trail, cruise to Nantucket, tour a working cranberry bog, tour of Plymouth to see Plymouth Rock and the Mayflower II and more. Cost \$882pp. dbl. occ.

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

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Happy New Year! Over the last few months, your library has seen a few changes! Our Director has moved on and our Fiscal Officer, Chris Page, is now the Interim Director! We hope to have a new Director in place by July 1. Things in the library have changed, too - the shelving on the wall by the Director's office has been removed and we've set up a new bookcase. Materials have been moved a bit so come in and have a look around and don't hesitate to ask if you can't find something!!

Libraries have recently been targeted with thefts of video, DVD and game materials as well as equipment and even hotspots with some libraries being hit pretty hard. Please know that we're doing everything we can to prevent these losses. Perry, until recently, has been able to experience just a few losses but the people behind these thefts keep trying. If you experience frustration checking out these items on a new or newer card, please understand that we're doing what we need to do to protect our items purchased with your tax dollars.

Some people wonder what their library provides besides books and a friendly and helpful staff. Here's a quick list of some of the things Perry Public Library has to offer!!

Ambiance - Electric fireplace, warm beverages
Quiet study areas
Easy access USB ports and power plugs at study tables
Meeting rooms for groups
Notary service (free!)
Passport and Passport photo service
Hotspots
Scanning of documents (free!)
English as a Second Language classes
Copy and fax service
Free WiFi - bring your own device or use our computers

Chris Page, Interim Director

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regular business hours or on weekends**

call (440) 417-2010

Zoning Office:

3840 Middle Ridge Rd.

259-1004

Fire District:

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Non-Emergency Phone

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