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From the desk of...

As I write this article, I am extending well wishes to you and your families that you have remained safe and healthy during this pandemic. As the saying goes, this is an unprecedented time and we are all trying to figure out how to best navigate on a daily basis. The Trustees have decided to move forward with the Perry Township Park 2020 Summer Concert Series that is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, July 8th. We ask that you maintain social distancing when you are in the park. We have made some adjustments to the pavilion set-up and with Break by the Lake to assist in these guidelines.

I want to point out a few reminders on the recycle programs that we offer. The Yard Waste Drop-off location is open on Wednesdays from noon - 3 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 - 2:00 pm. Commercial haulers and landscapers are no longer permitted to dispose of yard waste at this location. This program is to allow residents a place to dispose of their yard waste. The costs to process these items has increased and we can only accept items from residents. The paper and cardboard recycle bins throughout the community have been filling up quickly. We ask that you break the boxes down before putting them in the bins to allow for more items to be deposited.

We are happy to report that the Vrooman Road Bridge has been partially opened. On Wednesday, June 17th, the new traffic signals at the intersection of SR-84 (South Ridge Road), Lane Road and newly relocated Vrooman Road were activated.

On Monday, June 22nd, the new Vrooman Road Bridge opened to southbound traffic. This will allow traffic to travel from SR-84 to IR-90 using Vrooman Road. At the same time, northbound Vrooman Road will be closed at IR-90 to all traffic. Local traffic will not be allowed to enter at this point. All traffic will have to detour via IR-90, SR-44 and SR-84. The project is scheduled for an October completion at which time all lanes will be opened. Thank you for your continued patience while this important work is being performed.

Due to the design of Vrooman Road, the Lake County Engineer constructed the new Adams Road. This road connects SR 84 to River Road. We had many residents express concern that these new intersections were difficult to see when traveling east and west. After discussions with the State and County on this concern, we were informed they don't generally light intersections. The Trustees decided to take it upon themselves and reached out to City of Painesville for an estimate to install a service light at each of these intersections. At their meeting on June 9th the Trustees approved the expenditure and City of Painesville had the lights placed the week of June 15th.

The Trustees have been in discussions with Sheriff Leonbruno and have contracted with the Lake County Sheriff for some minimal dedicated patrol services for the Township. In the near future you will see slightly more Lake County Sheriff patrol in the community.

Our Service Department is gearing up to begin the summer asphalt road/berming/repair projects. We have a long list of locations for repair. Some projects at the top of the list include a few areas in the Sivon Allotments, Larchview Drive, Lane Road, Woodhill Street and Shepard Road. They will also be working on the road traffic sign upgrades throughout the Township. Please be mindful of the crew when they are out working and help to keep them safe.

Karen Sundy, Administrator

PERRY CEMETERIES

Hi everyone - spring and summer are especially pretty times in the cemeteries with the flowers blooming and trees leafed out. We can be extremely proud of our cemeteries and count ourselves lucky that we don't have the strict constraints of other places where headstones and landscaping are not allowed.

As we've noted before though, plantings and decorations cannot extend more than 12 inches around the headstones. Additionally, our regulations state that plantings are not allowed anywhere but in the stone line. This is to enable our staff to efficiently mow and trim without damaging your plantings/decorations. Our Service Department has several properties to maintain and only so many hours in a week to get all of it done. To clarify, nothing is allowed to be planted or mounted in the middle of graves even though a flush marker may be present. If items are located in the middle of graves, they'll be removed.

Unfortunately, there have been times when personal items have been taken from graves. As much as I wish I didn't have to say this, there are people who don't respect the property of others or the sanctity of a cemetery, so please do not place items of intrinsic or sentimental value on graves as we cannot guarantee their safety.

If, at any time, you have questions about the cemeteries or our regulations, you can consult our website or feel free to stop in at the Township Office. You are welcome to call me at **440-417-2010** anytime and I will be glad to help in any way I can.

**Michele Woltman
Sexton**

PERRY MEMORIAL POST 697, AMERICAN LEGION

Nearly 1,000 Veterans, including 12 Revolutionary War and over 100 Civil War Veterans, are buried in the two Perry Cemeteries. American Legion Post 697 provides flag holders and places flags on the graves of our deceased Veterans prior to Memorial Day every year. We are grateful for the support the Perry Service Learning class has provided in recent years. In spite of the chilly, often wet weather, the students always have a positive attitude as they assist us in honoring the memory of our Veterans. Please contact the Cemetery Sexton, **Michele Woltman at 440-417-2010** to replace missing or damaged flags or markers.

Four students from the Perry High School Class of 2021 were accepted to participate in the 2020 Buckeye Boys State and Girls State programs in June. These programs are sponsored by the Ohio American Legion and the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary respectively. The Boys and Girls State programs provide young men and women with practical experience in state, county and city government as participants fill leadership roles and take part in the operation of a virtual 51st state.

Perry Memorial American Legion Post 697 selected **Brad Peters** to attend Buckeye Boys State at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and **Adrienne DiPierro, Melanie Johnson and Sydne Bond** to attend Buckeye Girls State at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio. Unfortunately, both programs were cancelled this year due to safety concerns resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. This in no way diminishes the accomplishments of the students. Please join me in congratulating these students for being accepted to participate in these nationally recognized programs.

**Tom Anderson
Commander**



PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

This year has been a challenging one. The COVID virus has presented obstacles for many events and families. As the State begins to open back up, please do so carefully. Social distancing is suggested at 6 feet between individuals. Masks are also suggested and required in some instances. The fire stations began opening back up on a limited basis on Friday, June 12th. We will allow individuals to come into the vestibule and have a seat if feeling ill. We will provide a mask upon your entrance if you do not have one. The individual will then be evaluated and if need be, transported. The rescue squad will be brought to the front of the station. On Wednesday, July 1st, the fire stations opened to outside events. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the office at **440-259-2880** or e-mail me at **jmcdonald@perryfire.info**. Have a safe and happy summer!

Chief James McDonald

Fall prevention may not seem like a lively topic, but it's important. As you get older, physical changes and health conditions and sometimes the medications used to treat those conditions make falls more likely. In fact, falls are a leading cause of injury among older adults. Still, fear of falling doesn't need to rule your life. Instead, consider some simple fall prevention strategies.

REMOVE HOME HAZARD - Take a look around your home. Your living room, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, hallways and stairways may be filled with hazards. To make your home safer:

- Remove boxes, newspapers, electrical cords and phone cords from walkways.
- Move coffee tables, magazine racks and plant stands from high-traffic areas.
- Secure loose rugs with double-faced tape, tacks or slip resistant backing – or remove loose rugs from your home.
- Repair loose, wooden floorboards and carpeting right away.
- Store clothing, dishes, food and other necessities within easy reach.
- Immediately clean spilled liquids, grease or food.
- Use nonslip mats in your bathtub or shower. Use a bath seat, which allows you to sit while showering.

LIGHT UP YOUR LIVING SPACE - Keep your home brightly lit to avoid tripping on objects that are hard to see. Also:

- Place night lights in your bedroom, bathroom and hallways.
- Place a lamp within reach of your bed for middle-of-the-night needs.
- Make clear paths to light switches that aren't near room entrances. Consider trading traditional switches for glow-in-the-dark or illuminated switches.
- Turn on the lights before going up or down stairs.
- Store flashlights in easy-to-find places in case of power outages.

USE ASSISTIVE DEVICES - Your doctor might recommend using a cane or walker to keep you steady. Other assistive devices can help too. For example:

- Hand rails for both sides of stairways
- Nonslip treads for bare wood steps
- A raised toilet seat or one with armrests
- Grab bars for the shower or tub
- A sturdy plastic seat for the shower or tub - plus a hand-held shower nozzle for bathing while sitting down.

Capt. Tim Sitz

THE PERRY CENTER (Food Bank)

So far, so good! We have practiced social distancing and we all (volunteers and clients) have been wearing masks during this coronavirus pandemic. We meet clients at the door and find out what they need and ask them to return to their vehicles and we take their food items to them. When we are convinced it is safe, we will again allow the clients to come in to the center and choose their food.

School supply letters and applications were mailed on Friday, June 5th and we request they be returned by **Monday, July 20th**. Distribution of the back packs and school supplies will be on **Friday, August 14, 2020**. If you did not receive an application for your school children, please call and we will sign you up via phone.

At our next Perry Center meeting scheduled for Monday, July 20th, we plan to request a new cooler (approximate cost \$2000) for the produce and other fresh food products we receive. One of our current refrigerators is not working and needs replaced. We will determine at that time if funds are available.

We cannot emphasize enough how much we appreciate all the donations, volunteers and support we received over the past few months. Special thanks goes to the maintenance department at Perry Schools for their continued advice and support and to Bridge Church and Pastor Darin and Deborah Avery. They have provided volunteers when some of our older volunteers chose to stay at home during this pandemic. Bridge Church also held a community food drive over several weeks and collected A LOT of food and paper products. We are most grateful!

At this time, we do have one **volunteer opportunity**. We need someone to pick up food and other donated items from Target in Mentor on Friday mornings. If you are interested, please call the **Perry Center at 440/259-3332, Brenda Carr at 440/487-8218 or Carole Martin at 440/897-2574** for more information.

HOURS OF SERVICE FOR CLIENTS: Tuesdays from 9:00am to noon; Fridays from 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Other times by appointment. Note: Thriving Threads clothing room is open when the food bank is open.

**Brenda Carr
Carole Martin
Co-Administrators**

PERRY RECREATION

A special thanks to all Perry Recreation parents and athletes:

I want to thank all involved with Perry Recreation for their patience during these difficult times. We feel for all our youth athletes who missed out on Spring and Summer Rec sports. We ask all to be patient and cautious as we return to activities. Signs have been posted at all baseball and softball fields that go over safety recommendations. Things are still changing every day as we watch information coming from the state. Our free baseball and softball programs are underway for the month of July. We will soon be posting sign-ups for fall soccer and volleyball. Please read all updates you get via text and email as well as checking the perryrec.com website for information. Safety is our main concern so please be considerate to all as we work our way through these trying times.

**Mike Smith
Perry Rec Director**



PERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It is already June and the long-awaited summer has finally arrived. How times have changed since just a few months ago when the last Perry Historical Society's article was written in the Township newsletter. It seems since then the world has been turned upside down with the pandemic coronavirus still affecting, not only all lives here in the Perry area, but throughout the whole world as well.

The pandemic we are presently experiencing will affect all functions of the Perry Historical Society until further notice. Presently this would include the Chinese Auction, Perry Historical Museum, the Society's workroom, meetings and other functions as well. For any changes or up-to-date information, please check for the Perry Historical Society page on Facebook. It is our hope that all will get back to normal soon.

It was noted in the last article that information on a few famous burials at our Perry cemeteries would be written for many of our area residents who may not be aware of our "claim to fame" people. Each of the following are buried in the Perry Center Road Cemetery. These would include Mona Cline, the American Indian Princess; Ann Cook Whitman, confidential secretary for President Eisenhower; and James Rutherford, a driver for Elliot Ness.

Mona K. Palmer Cline - The remains (ashes) of Mona K. Palmer Cline, 75, an American Indian princess, were buried on October 9, 1986. The Indian name given her was Mahoniae Au-Paw-Chee-Kaw-Paw-Qua Keokuk. It meant the most beautiful thing that ever lived. The second part meant her name shall live on forever, and the last part meant the watchful fox. She was the granddaughter of Chief Thunderwater Henry Palmer who was Titular head of supreme council of Indian tribes of the U.S and Canada. He lived in Cleveland and died in 1950. The surname of Palmer had been given to her Indian family by the government. Her third husband Ausburn Cline, an Englishman died in 1976.

Ann Cook Whitman - Ann Whitman, a Perry native, was born in Perry on June 11, 1908. She attended Perry schools and graduated from Perry High School in 1925. She served as President Eisenhower's confidential secretary from 1952 to 1962, and also served as Vice President Rockefeller's chief of staff and confidential secretary during the Gerald Ford administration. She died at the age of 83 on October 15, 1991 in Clearwater, Florida and was buried in the Perry Cemetery Cook lot on October 30, 1991. A scholarship honoring the Ann Cook Whitman name for students of Perry High school continue to come from the funds of Whitman's own estate.

James Rutherford - James Rutherford was 92 years of age when he died and was buried on October 3, 1986 in the Perry Cemetery. Rutherford was reported to have been the driver for Elliot Ness, a prohibition agent who was famously known for his efforts to bring down the notorious criminal Al Capone. Ness enforced prohibition in the Chicago, Illinois area and also served as Cleveland's director of Public Safety during the 1930's when he lived in the Cleveland area. Elliot Ness was also noted as the leader of the famous team of law enforcement agents, then from Chicago, known as "the Untouchables".

On a sad note, **Karen Densmore**, who was one of the society's most faithful members passed away several weeks ago. Karen was the wife of **Donald Densmore**, who has served many times as president of our organization. In spite of her troubled health problems, Karen was always ready to help out when needed. This wonderful lady will be sorely missed by all. Members of the Perry Historical Society extends their regrets and deepest sympathy to Don Densmore and his family.

Mary L. Platko, Historian

SEPTEMBER 12TH PERRY FESTIVAL HAS BEEN CANCELLED

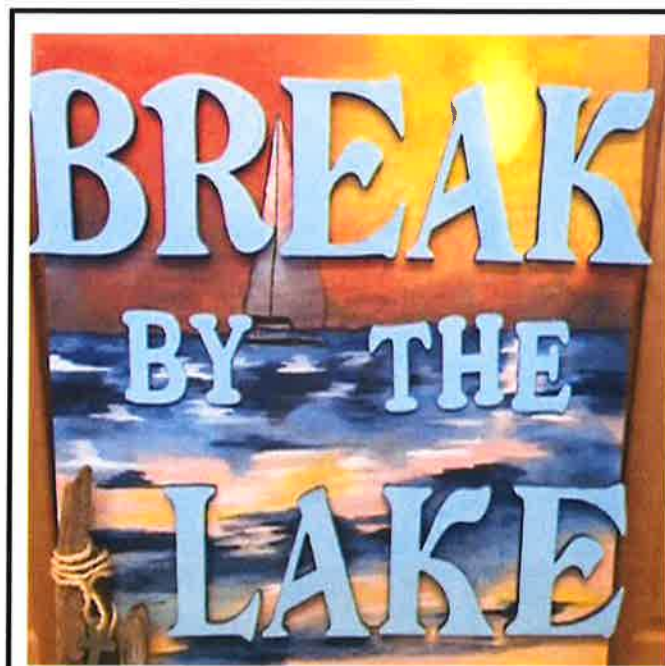
The approaching annual Perry Festival scheduled for September 12, 2020 has been cancelled for this year.

The festival Steering Committee presented the cancellation recommendation to the Perry Area Joint Recreation District Board at its July 13th Board meeting. The ongoing uncertainty of our future ability to meet current and future operational regulations for large public gatherings posed many implementation challenges and added cost. Additionally, it had become apparent that our primary goal to show profit in support of the Youth Sports and Senior Center programming may not be able to be reached this fall.

The Perry Area Joint Recreation District Board approved the cancellation request of the Steering Committee and set September 11, 2021 as the date for the 2021 Perry Festival. The well received programming model, so well received last year will again be in place for 2021 with an added spectacular fireworks display that will conclude the event.

Save the date of September 11, 2021 for this annual Perry tradition at Lee Lydic Park.

Phil Cassella



AT TOWNSHIP PARK

COME AND ENJOY A MEAL
ALONG THE LAKE

OPEN TUESDAYS THRU SUNDAYS
11 AM - 2 PM & 5 PM - DUSK

SUNDAY BREAKFAST
8:30 AM - NOON

CLOSED ALL DAY ON MONDAYS

PERRY WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Perry Women's League Annual Bunny Lunch Fundraiser was scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 4, at the Perry Community Center, with 300 tickets available for purchase at the Perry Township Administrative Offices. We were on the path to having another sell-out event but needed to cancel as a precautionary measure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We thank the Township Office for their assistance and guidance with ticket sales/reimbursements. A huge **thank you** to all who donated ticket money and Chinese Auction items for our event which will be put towards the next Bunny Lunch Fundraiser. Save the date for next year – Saturday, March 27, 2021.

Community Green Day was set to take place on Saturday, April 25, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic cancellation of this event was necessary. Community Green Day is a joint event organized by the Perry Women's League, Perry High School Service-Learning Class, PHS Environmental Action Club and PHS United Way Club. It is held annually on the 4th Saturday of April and focuses on cleaning up public areas, recycling, and helping senior citizens who need assistance with spring yard clean up. Although we were unable to join forces this year, we encourage everyone to find ways to keep our community clean and help others in need of assistance. Save the date for next year – Saturday, April 24, 2021.

Each year the PWL offers a **\$500 Citizenship Scholarship** to a Perry High School graduating senior seeking post-secondary education who displays exemplary citizenship through community service. This year, we were fortunate to be able to again award two \$500 scholarships. Candace Woodward and Marissa Varney were the recipients this year and were presented with the scholarships during the PHS Senior Awards and Scholarships online presentation on May 21. Congratulations and good luck to all the 2020 high school graduates.

Looking for a way to give back to our community? Join the PWL! Contact us to learn more or stop by one of our meetings – held quarterly on the first Thursday of the month (January, April, July & October) at 7 p.m. at the Perry Public Library. Please visit us on our website: www.perry-lake.org/PerryWomensLeague.aspx; follow us on Facebook (The Perry Women's League); or email us at perrywomensleague@hotmail.com

Carrie Scales
Secretary

YARD MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPING AFFECT OUR STORM WATER

- ▶ Fertilizers contain large amounts of nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous that can wash into lakes and streams, and may cause algal blooms (overgrowth of aquatic plants that smother other aquatic life). These blooms use up the oxygen in the water that fish and other organisms need to breathe.
- ▶ Pesticides (substances that kill bugs and animals) and herbicides (substances that kill weeds and plants) also contain toxic materials that are harmful to humans, fish, and "good" plants. When it rains, these toxic materials can run off into storm drains, roadside ditches, and nearby waterways.
- ▶ Use fertilizers and pesticides properly. Ask to have your soil tested to determine the right amount and type of fertilizers you need. NEVER apply fertilizers before it is supposed to rain. Use organic fertilizers such as manure, mulch, or compost.
- ▶ Leave mowed grass clippings on the lawn as a source of nutrients for the grass, and to reduce erosion. You can also compost grass clippings and fallen leaves, and later use the compost to fertilize the soil. Remember, the more that goes into your compost pile, the less that goes into the already overcrowded landfill!
- ▶ Place sprinklers so that the water goes ONLY on the lawn instead of watering the street or sidewalk. Water the lawn or garden during the coolest part of the day, such as early in the morning, to reduce evaporation and increase the amount of water that sinks into the soil and reaches the plants' roots.

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Our current hours at the Perry Public Library are Monday - Friday 9:00 am-6:00pm (with 9:00am-10:00am being dedicated for vulnerable patrons) and Saturday 11:00am-4:00pm. We are still offering curbside pickup if you would like to call ahead and have your materials brought out to you.

The library has been offering a variety of virtual programming as well as our summer reading programs for all ages. This year for Adult Summer Reading, we are asking you to help support local businesses that may be suffering after COVID-19. Until August 1st, you can bring a receipt from any local business in Lake County and staple it to an entry form for a chance to win a \$25 gift card. The children and teen summer reading program will also be running through August 1st so make sure to get your reading logs in by then in order to pick up a prize the week of August 17th! For more information about programs, check out our Facebook page or call the library at (440) 259-3300.

Alyssa Finazzo
Children's Librarian



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