



# The Perry BULLETIN BOARD

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## *From the desk of...*

The Township Trustees are now able to provide police protection in Perry Township. The Trustees have entered into an agreement with the Lake County Commissioners for the hiring of four deputies who will patrol Perry Township nearly around the clock. Perry Township will allocate monies from the American Rescue Plan funds to pay for our share of the contract with the County. The Sheriff will be using the cemetery house located at 3820 Middle Ridge Road as a small substation for those deputies assigned to the community. Services began September 1<sup>st</sup> and the deputies have been busy. If you have areas of concern in the Township, please contact the Township Administration Office and we can pass along to the deputies. Also, if you should need the Sheriff for a non-emergency, please contact them at 440-354-3434.

Construction has started on the Perry Township Park Armor Stone Revetment Project. Moderalli Excavating was awarded the project in the amount of \$171,730 by the Perry Township Trustees at their meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Funds for this project are being made available from the State of Ohio's capital budget bill (Senate Bill 310) and will be distributed through ODNR. These monies were awarded with the help of State Representative Jamie Callender, Senator Jerry Cirino and former legislators Ron Young and John Eklund. We have been investigating solutions for this erosion and working with public officials for years on funding for this project.

The revetment project will be the third of its kind at Perry Township Park and will complete shoreline protection west of the current boat ramp. Approximately 2,000 tons of 2-5 ton armor stone will be placed over geo-textile filter fabric to create the new revetment wall backed up by approximately 600 tons of larger filter stone. The project timeline runs for approximately 8 weeks, weather permitting, through November 30<sup>th</sup>.

The time has come for the Lake County General Health District (LCGHD) to provide new potassium iodide (KI) tablets to residents living within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) around the Perry Nuclear Power Plant. KI is a stable salt tablet that protects the thyroid from absorbing some types of harmful radioactive iodine. Residents in the EPZ should keep KI on hand for all members of their household in case of an emergency at the Power Plant (one two-day dose pack per household member). KI is only to be taken if directed by health officials in an emergency, and should be stored in a safe place at room temperature in case it is needed. The expiration date for the current supply of KI has been extended through December 31, 2021. A new supply has been received and will be good through October 31, 2029. There are several ways residents can get their new KI. KI is provided for free and always available for pick-up by residents from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday through Friday at the Lake County General Health District office located at 5966 Heisley Road in Mentor. A list is being finalized and will be available on LCGHD's website at <https://www.lcghd.org/potassium-iodide-ki/> and announced to local media, along with any additional locations. Representatives will also be at all Perry polling locations on November 2 from 6:30 – 9:00 am and 4:30 – 7:30 pm to provide KI to residents coming to vote. Once residents have picked up their new KI, their expired KI may be thrown away in the trash.

**Karen Sundy, Administrator**

## **PERRY TOWNSHIP, PERRY VILLAGE & NORTH PERRY VILLAGE TRICK OR TREAT**



**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



## PERRY AMVETS AUXILIARY

Perry Amvets Post #1971 will be having our annual Candle lighting Service on November 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the post. If you have anyone in the service, retired, or deceased, you are invited to attend and light a candle for them. If you cannot attend, call 259-8106 or email [rfrazier172017@outlook.com](mailto:rfrazier172017@outlook.com) and we will read their name and light a candle for them.

We are proud to have celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of serving veterans on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

If any veteran family has a need for a Thanksgiving dinner, please contact the same contacts as above and leave a message.

We are serving dinner on Friday nights from 5-8 p.m., all proceeds go to veteran programs.



**Ruth Frazier**

## AMERICAN LEGION



**Buckeye Boys and Girls State**  
American Legion Post 697 hosted a reception on July 13<sup>th</sup> for the four Perry High School students who attended Buckeye Boys and Girls State during the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Ethan Hicks, Monica Kline, Kacie Cooney, and Juliana Kifus** shared their experiences with their families and the donors. These programs provide a practical exercise in running a democratic government which enabled the students to debate issues, legislate and govern a fictitious 51<sup>st</sup> state.

Our PHS students campaigned and ran for election to key offices including State Supreme Court Justice, State Representative, State Attorney General, County Pleas Court Justice and as a member of the State Board of Education and the Board of Elections. Juliana served as the Majority Whip in the State House of Representatives. She said it is “one of the greatest opportunities available to learn, not only, the inner workings of governmental functions, but to get a taste of what college life could be like. Anyone who has the ability to attend, should take it as quickly as possible.” Monica campaigned and ran for election to a Justice seat on the Common Pleas Court. Monica said “during my time at Buckeye Girls State, I gained an appreciation for the outspoken women of my

generation. The dorms of Girls State became a melting pot of sorts, in which I was able to gain perspective on different girls’ backgrounds and experiences. Those interested in developing their own personal values, participating in open ended discussions, and/or gaining new perspective from others should definitely apply for BGS.”

Our PHS students competed and worked alongside the top students from across the state of Ohio. They did an outstanding job and we are extremely proud of all of them. We would like to extend a special thank you to the donors: Perry High School, the Perry Historical Society and Perry AMVETS Post 1971.

**Attention Perry High School Class of 2023** – we are looking for energetic leaders to attend Buckeye Boys and Buckeye Girls State in June 2022. You will run for elected offices, serve in staff positions, on boards and in a variety of other government offices at the state, county and city level. If you are interested, feel free to talk to Monica, Juliana, Kacie and Ethan. Additional information and applications will be available through Mrs. Gigante in October.

**Tom Anderson**  
**Chairman, Buckeye Boys & Girls State**

## THE PERRY CENTER (FOOD PANTRY)

Greetings from The Perry Center, your local food pantry. Over the past couple of months, we have had several Perry residents tell us that they have lived in Perry for years and didn't know anything about us. We were rather surprised at this, as we have an article every quarter in the Perry Township newsletter- which goes out to **EVERY** household in Perry. However, in an effort to reach everyone possible, we are asking for your help. If you know of someone who needs assistance a friend, neighbor, someone elderly, or maybe even a stranger, let them know we are here to help.

### We offer assistance to folks who:

1. Live in Perry, work in Perry or worship in Perry.
2. We offer one weeks worth of food (amount determined by family size) once a month.
3. Clients can come every Friday for produce.
4. We offer assistance with utility bills (with a disconnect notice) and with rent (with an eviction notice).
5. We can be reached at **259-3332** or by email at [perrycenter@outlook.com](mailto:perrycenter@outlook.com)
6. We are open for clients on: Tuesdays from 9:00 am to noon and Fridays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. We will also assist clients at other times-by appointment...JUST CALL.

In July, we provided backpacks "stuffed" with school supplies for 52 of our client's children.

We recently sent out 120 letters and applications for Christmas assistance. Applications are due back by October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive an application and need assistance, please call 259-3332 and we will sign you up. The deadline is 10/15/21, please call right away and we will see if we can still sign you up.

We have ordered a sign to help identify the location of The Perry Center. We hope to have the sign installed sometime this fall. Perhaps this will help in finding us.

Recently, we purchased a new upright freezer to replace a 19 year old freezer chest. We were able to do this with the help pf our generous community of contributors. **THANK YOU!**

We are grateful for all the local gardeners who have shared crops with us. Our clients love this, also.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and we have ordered turkey and food items for a holiday dinner for our clients.

Again, we appreciate the support of our community businesses, organizations, school district and residents. Your generosity is amazing and certainly necessary to serve our clients.

**Carole Martin**

### THE CHRISTMAS SHOP

The Christmas Shop will be open to the public on three upcoming Saturdays:

**NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

**DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**

**DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

**FROM 9:00 am to NOON**



The shop is located at Manchester West, 4261 Manchester Road. The entrance will be clearly marked.

We have many, many, Christmas trees, wreaths, ornaments, lights and other decorations. All items are **FREE!**

If you have any questions, please contact [laurennicole1323@yahoo.com](mailto:laurennicole1323@yahoo.com) or call The Perry Center at 259-3332.

## PERRY CEMETERIES



With fall starting, a couple of reminders for you - our last foundation pour before winter will be the first or second week of November. If you'd like to have monuments placed before next April, please have your monument company send in the foundation request before the end of October so it can be included in the upcoming pour.

Veterans Memorial paver bricks are available throughout the year at a cost of \$40 each. See Jen at the Township office for order forms. **THANK YOU** to the members of the Perry American Legion post and the Perry Service Learning Students for placing the flags on the graves of the veterans in our cemeteries. This isn't a small task - to date, we have 1,040 veterans buried in Center Road & South Ridge cemeteries.

Burial information can be accessed through our website [www.perrytownship-lake.com](http://www.perrytownship-lake.com). There is a prompt for searching burial information on the Cemetery page of the website. We'd like to encourage everyone to check the burial records for their loved ones. In many cases, we have little or no information on some of the burials, especially if an obituary was not printed. We always hope to have complete accurate information and are grateful for any additional information you can provide. You can email the information to [perrytwp@ncweb.com](mailto:perrytwp@ncweb.com) or call me at 440-417-2010.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call the **Township office** at **440-259-5140** or **my cell phone 440-417-2010**. We're always happy to help if we can.

**Michele Woltman  
Sexton**

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## PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT



### FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR HOME DURING THE FALL SEASON

As the leaves turn from green to orange, the weather cools and you start preparing for the cold season ahead. You're excited for Halloween and can't wait to start decorating your home. But have you thought about the fire safety risks that arise during the fall? Here are a few important fire safety tips to keep in mind.

**Change smoke/carbon detector batteries & test the alarms:** When Daylight Savings Time begins and ends, it's a good idea to change your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries. This ensures the alarms don't fail when you turn the heat on in your home. Don't forget to also test the smoke alarms after changing the batteries. Also check that all fire extinguishers are in working order.

### Fully check and service your heating devices before cranking up the heat

- Have your HVAC system inspected, cleaned, and serviced by a certified HVAC contractor. Check and replace furnace filters with high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters.
- If you use space heaters, ensure there is at least

three feet of space around them. Don't place fabrics on space heaters to dry, and turn heaters off when going to bed.

- If you've got a fireplace, hire a professional chimney sweep to inspect and clean your chimney. Keep flammable objects at least three feet away from the fireplace and install a mesh metal screen around it.

**Halloween safety:** Can't wait to decorate your home and mastermind scary costumes for Halloween? Remember that Halloween safety comes first. Keep decorations away from open flames and other heat sources, and use battery-operated lights instead of candles in jack-o-lanterns. We strongly advise you not to use real candles to decorate your home.

**Outdoor fire risks:** As leaves and other flammable debris build up around your home, make it a habit to remove them periodically. Prune trees and rake up leaves and twigs. Keep your roof, gutters, and down spouts clear of debris and remove fuel from lawn mowers before storing them for winter.

Follow these tips, and don't let a fire ruin your fall.

**Captain Timothy Sitz**

## PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT (Continued)

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. Fall is finally upon us. Please remember to change your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries when changing clocks on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Call the Fire Department at 259-2880 if you need assistance.

The Lake County General Health District would like to update the community on the eligibility and availability of COVID-19 boosters. The following groups are eligible for a booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech/Community vaccine only:

- **People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings** SHOULD receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series.
- **People ages 50 to 64 with certain underlying medical conditions** after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series.
- **People ages 18-49 who are at high risk for severe COVID-19 due to certain underlying medical conditions** MAY receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.
- **People ages 18-64 who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of an occupational or institutional setting** MAY receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.
- At this time, no boosters are available for those who received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson may be available in the future.
- For more information please visit the CDC's website. You will find a list of COVID vaccination clinics available for the month of October.

Perry Joint Fire District received \$121,333.33 from FEMA Firefighter's Grant for replacement of portable radios.

For the safety of our community, **we will not** be holding the Safe Halloween party at Manchester West. We will, however, be holding a drive through candy distribution at Station #1, 3742 Center Road from 6-8 pm on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

As always, please stay safe.

**Chief James McDonald**

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### THINGS WE CAN DO TO KEEP OUR RIVERS CLEAN

- ◆ Not all water pollution comes from big factories - it's also caused by little household chores. Like washing off paint, cleaning with products that contain chlorine bleach, using drain cleaners, and disposing of solvents such as stain removers or turpentine in the sink. So please, dry off excess paint with a paper towel before rinsing. Avoid cleaning products marked "Poison" and "Danger," choosing environmentally friendly products instead. And drop off toxic chemicals at your local hazardous waste center.
- ◆ Hosing off your driveway or sidewalk sends dirt, motor oil, fertilizer, and animal waste into our rivers - the very water we drink. So please, sweep instead of hosing. Limit your fertilizer use and avoid applying it before a rainy day. Take care when changing your motor oil. And tidy up after your pets.
- ◆ A leaky faucet, shower or toilet can waste 50 gallons of water in just one day. And that's a serious threat to our rivers. Much of our tap water comes from rivers. Wasting water depletes our rivers and costs you money. So please, fix the leaks.
- ◆ When you let the water run while brushing your teeth, shaving or washing dishes, you're swallowing up our rivers. Rivers are the primary source of tap water and wasting it depletes our rivers and costs you money. So please, turn off the water. You'll save over three gallons each time you brush your teeth.



## PERRY SENIOR CENTER

*Life is Beautiful*

Lifeline, Inc. is partnering with us again this tax year to offer the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program for the 2020 tax season. Volunteers will be preparing tax returns for Lake County residents who have low-to-moderate income. Tax return preparation will be by appointment only. Lifeline will begin taking appointments starting January 17<sup>th</sup>, and every Wednesday through April 6<sup>th</sup> to prepare your 2020 tax returns. This is a no cost program for those that qualify. Please call 259-3772 to be put on the list. An intake specialist will then contact you to go over what you need to bring to your appointment.

### TRAVEL ADVENTURES AT A GLANCE

#### November 8<sup>th</sup> Presque Isle

No incentives on this gambling trip. \$30 per person.

#### November 19<sup>th</sup> Mansfield Wine and Ale

Enjoy a November to remember in Richland County where wineries and vineyards offer tremendous variety. We will have a presentation and wine sampling at the Blueberry Patch Winery followed by a visit to Wishmaker B & B and Winery before lunch. We will not leave the beer enthusiasts out. Our next stop will be the Phoenix Brewing Company. This trip will wrap up at the Vault Wine Bar. Moderate Walking. \$89 per person

#### November 28<sup>th</sup> Very Merry POPS

Our very own Cleveland Orchestra will perform their annual Christmas concert with world class musicians and the amazing POPS vocal chorus at the Conner Palace. We will then enjoy dinner at the historic Windows on the River followed by the twinkling lights of Public Square and Playhouse Square. This trip sells out quickly. Deadline for sign up is October 14<sup>th</sup>. Moderate walking. \$99 per person.

#### December 15<sup>th</sup> Dueling Piano Christmas Party

Kick off your Christmas season with a beautiful plated lunch at Windows on the River before taking in the high energy fun on the Dueling Piano Christmas Party provided by master piano artists, Todd and Andy. This is a JKL Christmas Party you will not want to miss. Mild Walking. \$79 per person.

Please note: \*SEATS ARE LIMITED ON ALL TRIPS!!! Registration and deposits are required to reserve your spot. Early registration is critical to assure that no trips are cancelled. Trip insurance is available on some but not all trips. Inquiring about trip insurance is your responsibility.

For more information or to join the Perry Senior Center call 440-259-3772. Membership is only \$12 per calendar year and open to anyone over 55 years of age.

**Christine Znidarsic**  
**Senior Center Director**



**Remember to Vote**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>**



**For the latest news and community updates visit us at:**

**[www.perrytownship-lake.com](http://www.perrytownship-lake.com)**

### **OSU EXTENSION OFFICE**

Spotted Lanternfly infestation found in Ohio at 3 different locations. What can you do? SCOUT!

Spotted Lanternfly *Lycorma delicatula* infestation have been confirmed in 3 different locations in Ohio. Ohio Department of Agriculture confirmed an active infestation in Mingo Junction in southeast Ohio and two separate infestations in Cuyahoga County as of September 2021. What can you do? SCOUT!

The control of Spotted Lanternfly comes with early detection, confirmation, and treatment. In all 3 infestations, rail lines and Tree of Heaven *Ailanthus altissima*, were both present.

Our suggestions are to locate tree of heaven growing in proximity to train tracks. Consider doing the following:

1. Identify Tree of Heaven which should be easy to spot due to its heavy clusters of seeds.
2. Download the Great Lakes Early Detection Network App to your device by searching for “Great Lakes EDN”.
3. Adopt a Tree of Heaven near RR tracks to check once a week. (Remember, it is illegal to walk near or on RR tracks since its private property) The trees can be near the tracks within 500 feet or so. Also, be sure to keep safe of traffic and know your surroundings.
4. Make a post to GLEDN identifying your tree heaven.
5. Check your tree once a week.
6. Send post to GLEDN with your Negative find (or positive if you believe you have seen SLF)
7. Keep aware of infestations in your area.

Grape vines are at great risk from damage or death due to Spotted Lanternfly. With your help, we can slow the spread. So, get out there and SCOUT!

Check out the following Buckeye Yard and Garden article to learn how to download the App and identify Tree of Heaven

<https://bygl.osu.edu/node/1868>

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**OSU Extension- Lake County Agriculture/National Resource Educator**

## PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

We are happy to be open our regular hours now!

- Monday-Thursday: 9 am - 9 pm
- Friday: 9 am - 6 pm
- Saturday: 11 am - 4 pm
- Closed Sundays



We are continuing to offer free rapid COVID -19 test kits. These kits are provided by the Ohio Department of Health. Please use only the drive-up window to pick up the test kits.

We will be closed Monday, October 25 for Staff Development Day.

Perry Public Library is once again offering a homebound book delivery service in partnership with Perry High School.

- Perry Public Library's Homebound Service is open to any Perry resident unable to leave their home. Library materials will be delivered to and picked up from your Perry address.
- Library materials including large print, music, audio books and DVDs (no new DVDs) may be placed on hold using your valid library card.
- Visit our website, [PerryPublicLibrary.org](http://PerryPublicLibrary.org), or call us at 259-3300 for more information about this service.

Currently, passport operations are taking up to 16 weeks for routine service. Please keep this time frame in mind when scheduling your passport application appointments.

Check out our Thursday Night Mystery Book Club on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7 pm. October's book is "Local Woman Missing" by Mary Kubica. You do not need to register. Please wear a mask to the meeting.

Need help using Libby and Hoopla? Scott will be at the Perry Senior Center on Tuesday, October 26, from 12:30 - 1:30 to help! Please call the Senior Center at 259-3772 to register.

We will have drive-through Trick-or-Treating on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm - 4 pm at our drive-up window.

**Emily Skunda**

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### Administration & Cemetery Offices:

3740 Center Rd.  
259-5140  
Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

To reach the Cemetery Sexton  
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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