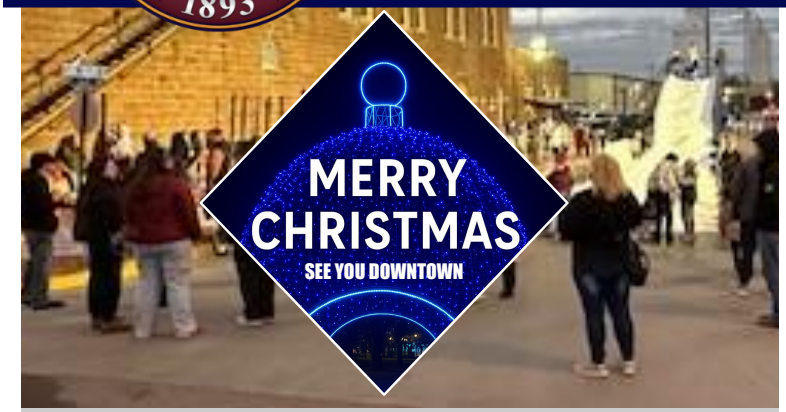
December, 2025

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec 1st City Council meeting, 6:15 pm

Dec 2nd Perry Carnegie Library, Santa Visit, 5pm - 7pm

Dec 5th All City offices closed at 12:00 pm

Dec 6th Lions club pet parade, 10:00 am

Dec 6th Senior Citizens Center Art Sale, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Dec 6th Main Street's Merry Little Perry, snow tubing all day, igloo vendors at 4pm, Maroon Melody Makers at 5pm, parade at 6pm, www.mainstreetperry.com

Dec 7th Christmas Tour of Homes in Perry 1 pm-4:30 pm

Dec 7th Cherokee Strip Museum, Christmas Tea Party, 2pm-4pm, hot tea and cider, live music and holiday craft.

Dec 15th City Council meeting, 6:15 pm

Dec 20th Lighting rebates are due (use dropbox if closed)

Dec 18th Planning Commission Meeting

Dec 23rd City offices closed at 12:00 pm

Dec 24th All City offices closed

Dec 25th All City offices closed - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

On Christmas Day, garbage collection will NOT be picked up, accounts normally picked up on Thursdays will be picked up Monday, December 29th. All locations will be picked up as normal for New Years. The Transfer Station will be closed December 24th, 25th, and January 1st.

Dec 25th Methodist Church, 727 Elm, Community Christmas Dinner, 12:30pm-2pm - pickup only

Jan 1st All City offices closed - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BIG NEWS FOR PERRY!

Perry is one of the first cities chosen to partner with Heartland Forward's Center for Investment Readiness (CIR)! This exciting initiative will help local businesses grow, attract new opportunities, and strengthen our community's economy.

Through CIR's cornerstone program, 30 by 2030, Perry will join Enid, Oklahoma, and Hutchinson, Kansas, in paving the way for stronger local business support, new opportunities, and long-term community investment.

This initiative will help our community grow, attract new businesses, and ensure Perry continues to thrive as part of a vibrant, forward-moving heartland economy.

A special thank you to Melanie McGuire, our Economic Development Consultant, for her hard work in making this opportunity a reality! We're proud to be leading the way — stay tuned as Perry steps into a brighter future!



Use the QR code to read the full press release from Heartland..

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING REBATE

The City of Perry is offering a $25 Christmas lighting rebate to the first 50 commercial and 150 residential customers that sign up. Those who decorate the outside of their home or business with Christmas lights during the holiday season can apply for the rebate. The lighting rebate form is available at City Hall until December 20th, 2025. Decorations need to be up by the 13th. If City Hall is closed, forms may be placed in the drop box. Please note, there will be no contest, just decorate and enjoy!

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CITY MANAGER'S CORNER



Nate Read
City Manager

Street Paving

Our Streets Department has officially started paving City streets in-house! With the new asphalt machine and assistance from Noble County, the crew completed 3 blocks in October and they plan to finish another 2 before the new year if the weather stays as warm as it is.

The newly paved streets look terrific, and while the team is still gaining experience, they're proud of the work and excited for what's ahead. City Staff made a great highlight video of the project — if you haven't seen it yet, it's worth watching! You can find the video on Facebook or the City of Perry app.

So far, the team has spent about $45,000 on asphalt for this project — roughly one-third the cost of outsourcing the work. We even found an old quote for this same street, which confirmed just how much money this in-house effort is saving the City. Great job to our Streets crew and Noble County partners for making this milestone possible!



New Ambulance

After nearly two years of waiting, our brand-new ambulance has finally arrived! Vehicles like this can now take anywhere from two to five years to build, which makes this delivery even more exciting.

The Fire and EMS teams are thrilled to have this new addition to their fleet and plan to have it fully stocked and in service by Monday. This new ambulance will enhance our emergency response capabilities and help our team continue providing top-tier care to the community.



Main Street Premier Partner of the Year

In October, the annual Main Street Banquet was held, and it was a fantastic evening celebrating community progress and partnerships. It was an honor to hear from Laura Vollmer, Senator Hall, and Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell about the shared vision for small-town revitalization across Oklahoma.

The highlight of the evening came when the City of Perry was recognized as Main Street's Premier Partner of the Year. Mayor Wortham and I accepted the award on behalf of the City, but please know — this recognition belongs to all of our CIty employees.

Every department, every employee who lends a hand to beautify downtown, support events, or assist Main Street's efforts contributes to this success. Your dedication, teamwork, and commitment to making Perry shine are what earned this award. Congratulations to City staff — this win is truly theirs!



Hospital Remodel

Phase I of the hospital remodel has officially been completed, and it's looking outstanding! The newly finished patient observation rooms are a major step forward in the overall project, offering a fresh, modern, and welcoming space for patients. As a reminder the hospital remains open and operating fully even during the remodel.



PERRY CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Monday - Thursday 10am-6pm
Friday 10am - 5pm
302 North 7th, Perry Ok



Library Holiday Hours: Closing early Dec. 23rd and All Day on Dec. 24, 25, and Jan. 1st.

Santa Visit December 2nd from 5pm - 7pm

Theatre Thursday (ages 18+) @ 10AM on December 11TH

Storytime (ages 0-5) @ 10:30AM

December 3rd, 10TH, 17TH, 31ST. No Storytime on December 24th.

Afterschool (ages 6-11) @ 3:30AM

December 1st – Pictionary & Homemade Granola Bars
December 8th – 3D Christmas Cards
December 5th – Winter Silhouette Painting
December 22nd – Christmas Bulb Ornament
December 29th – Snowflake Suncatcher



Signups Required before the day of the event:

Tween Cuisine (ages 9-11) : Soup on December 5th @3:30pm-4:30pm

Teen Cuisine (ages 12-18): Soup on December 18th @4:00pm-5:00pm

December 9th @ 4:00PM

"Adult Program: Dip Demonstration" – Cheesy Pull-Apart Christmas Bread, Cherry Cheesecake Dip, & Cowboy Caviar. Watch how these delicious dips are made and then enjoy eating them with new friends!

Signups are required. Call to sign up 580-336-4721. Adults are welcome to bring their youth ages 14+.

New Books! Look at our catalog for the entire list. https://perrypl.okpls.org/

Smartphone Nation by Kaitlyn Regehr
Prowl by Colleen Coble
Seven Brides for Seven Texans by Gabrielle Meyer
Behind Enemy Bylines by Kathleen Fuller
Calamity James by William W. Johnstone

SANTA COP NEEDS YOUR HELP



The Perry Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #137 is collecting donations for this year's Santa Cop Program through December 19th, 2025!



Look for donation jars at 8 local businesses around town. You can also drop off new, unwrapped toys or make a donation at the Perry Police Department (visit the Noble County Jail, and dispatch will have an officer assist you). Non-perishable food items may be delivered to Operation Blessing. All donations stay local—helping Perry families in need and spreading Christmas cheer throughout our community. Families are nominated by Perry Police Officers, Teachers, Firefighters, and DHS. (*Note: Santa Cop cannot accept families already enrolled in similar programs.*)

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Working Together for a Better Community

Did you know that our Code Enforcement follows specific policies and procedures before taking any action? Their goal is to help encourage voluntary compliance from property owners to fix issues before the City has to step in and take action. Most of the time, property owners are given a notice and reasonable amount of time to address things themselves. The notice and time given is based on the issue at hand and any progress that has been made. Sometimes, though, the City has to handle the problem if it's not addressed. However, when a property owner fails to address an issue after multiple attempts, the City may be required to step in and resolve it. This could include mowing, trash removal, or other necessary clean-up work. When that happens, it costs the City — and ultimately our citizens — time and money that could be better spent improving our community in other ways. By working together and taking care of our properties, we can help Perry become a clean, safe, and welcoming place to live and work.

SPACE HEATER CAUTION



As the weather gets colder, many people turn to space heaters for extra warmth. Before plugging one in, keep these safety and efficiency tips in mind:

- **Read the safety instructions.** Space heaters can be a fire hazard if used improperly. Always follow the manufacturer's guidelines to help keep your home safe.
- **Check the wattage.** The higher the wattage, the more electricity it uses — which can increase your electric bill.
- **Match the heater to the room size.** A typical 1,500-watt heater can warm a room up to about 150 sq. ft. Factors like insulation, room layout, and heater type can affect performance, so choose one that's the right size for your space.
- **Look for energy-saving features.** Options such as energy-saving modes, adjustable thermostats, low-wattage settings, and programmable timers can help manage comfort while keeping energy costs down.

Stay warm, stay safe, and heat smart this season!

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TOP 10 HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

We look forward to another year of growth, connection, and shared successes together in 2026...

Grant, grants, and more grants

This year has been an incredible one for the City of Perry — we secured over $6 million in grants! These funds support a wide range of community improvements, from infrastructure and parks to public safety and economic development. We're deeply grateful to everyone who played a role in finding, applying for, and securing these grants. Your dedication helps move Perry forward and makes a lasting impact on our community.

Facebook Communications

We're sharing more updates than ever on our Facebook page! From community events and city projects to helpful reminders and energy tips, our goal is to keep residents informed and engaged. Be sure to follow and check in often so you can stay informed.

Water and Sewer Extended For New Housing

The water and sewer extension for the new housing development is completed. This project will allow for new housing developments west of 25th Street.

New Developments

Perry's Industrial Park continues to thrive with new developments bringing jobs and opportunities to our community. Notably, the area is now home to the largest indoor arena in the world as well as a new distribution Center (official name to be revealed soon).

Heartland Forward

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Airport Planes and Cars Event

The Perry Airport's Planes and Cars Event returned with a fantastic turnout! Community members of all ages came out to enjoy an exciting display of aircraft and automobiles. We're planning to make this an annual event for the community—making it better each year.

Streets In-House

The City's Street Department is officially completing street projects in-house! This approach allows the team to make steady progress over time while saving on costs. Residents will see continued improvements as the crew works block by block to enhance our city streets.

YMCA Expansion

The Noble County YMCA announced their plans for a major expansion and remodel of its facility, bringing new opportunities for the community of Perry and surrounding area.

New Travel Stop on I-35

The former America's Best Inn property will soon be transformed into a Pilot Truck Stop and Travel Center! This new travel stop will bring expanded amenities for travelers and locals alike — including a new fast-food restaurant, fueling stations, and convenience services.

Seth Wadley Expansion

Seth Wadley completed their dealership expansion to now include the new Seth Wadley Ford, a big win for economic development in Perry.

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