March, 2026

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THE CITY OF PERRY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mar 2nd City Council meeting, 6:15pm

Mar 3rd Cherokee Strip Museum, Rough Riders in Oklahoma, First Bank Event Center, 6:30pm, free to the public, cherokee-strip-museum.org

Mar 6th City of Perry Surplus Auction, 10:00am, at City Armory, 309 N 7th, CASH ONLY!

Mar 16th City Council meeting, 6:15pm

Mar 26th Planning Commission Meeting

Apr 6th City Council meeting, 6:15pm

Main Street of Perry is gearing up for 2026! Visit mainstreetperry.com and their Facebook page Main Street Perry for upcoming events downtown.

Spring Clean-Up Day Coming Soon!

Planning is underway for the City of Perry's annual Spring Clean-Up Day! This event provides residents with a great opportunity to tidy up their yards, refresh their properties, and help keep our community looking its best.

Dates and full details will be shared in the April newsletter, on Facebook, and through the City of Perry app—so be sure to stay connected for all the updates.

As warmer weather arrives, it's the perfect time to get outside and show our Perry Pride!





We know many residents are eager for updates about Amazon coming to Perry! There's a lot of work happening behind the scenes between City staff and Amazon's contractor. Over the next two weeks, Amazon will begin preparing Duke Drive and a portion of John Wayne for asphalt laying — so you'll notice some road work starting soon in that area.

Please note that the City of Perry will not have employment information for the new Amazon facility. All job-related details will be shared directly through Amazon's official channels.

Thank you for your patience and excitement as this project continues to move forward!

WINTER STORM CLEANUP

We don't get winter storms often, but when we do, our Street Crew is ready! They work hard to keep the main streets and downtown clear.

Thank you to our dedicated crew for their hard work during the recent storm.





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CITY MANAGER'S CORNER



Nate Read
City Manager

Sewer Line on 9th Street:

Residents north of noble on 9th Street may have noticed recent construction that closed the street for several weeks. This project is a grant-funded sewer line extension designed to serve a future single-family housing development on the 28-acre vacant property to the west.



While the development is still in early planning stages, we are working toward securing a commitment to build in the coming months to help address Perry's housing shortage.

Water Main Killouts on 8th & 9th Streets:

The City has secured funding, awarded bids, and work is underway (or beginning shortly) on water main killouts along 8th and 9th Streets. This project caps aging water lines to prevent future leaks and is a necessary step before paving can occur. Once complete, these streets will be eligible for asphalt, making a major improvement to some of the most deteriorated roads in town.

Dam Project Update:

Over the past three months, significant progress has been made on the dam project. The City has secured agreements with the State to help over major costs related to relocating a rural water line and a gas line—previously one of the biggest obstacles to moving forward. Overcoming this funding hurdle is a major step toward advancing the project.



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION COMMITTEE



A new Employee Recognition Committee has been formed by City of Perry employees to honor staff for their dedication and service. The committee is led by Patty May, Parks Supervisor, who initiated the effort to recognize and celebrate city employees' milestones.

Employees will be recognized for their one-year of service to the City and every five years of service thereafter.

This program reflects the City's appreciation for the hard work and commitment of its employees who help keep Perry running smoothly every day.

There were 4 employee recognized this quarter:

Adam Logan - Electric Crew as of 1/6/2025
Elliott Lindsey - Police Officer as of 1/31/2025
Ella Chancey - Library as of 2/4/2025
Jacob Troxell - Reserve Fire as of 3/18/2025
Royce Stephens - Assistant Police Chief as of 3/31/2025





As warmer weather approaches, many residents begin filling their pools. The City offers one sewer adjustment per year per location for filling residential swimming pools.

To receive the adjustment:

1. Call City Hall before or shortly after filling your pool.
2. Provide the approximate date you're filling it and how many gallons your pool holds or the pool size.
3. The City will make a sewer service adjustment based on the water that passes through your meter for the fill.

Important details:

- Customers who request a pool adjustment will be billed for water and sewer services as usual. The sewer adjustment will be processed after the bill is issued.
- Adjustments are only made to usage exceeding the base minimum sewer fee.
- Adjustments under $5.00 will not be made.
- Pools that hold less than 3,000 gallons typically don't qualify for an adjustment.

For reference, a 12-foot round pool with 4-foot walls holds approximately 3,400 gallons. If you have any questions, feel free to call and speak with the Autumn, the Utility Billing clerk. 580-336-4241

SPRINGTIME ENERGY CHECKLIST

1. Air ducts and vents have been checked for leaks
2. Windows and doors are sealed to prevent air leaks
3. Ceiling fans are spinning counterclockwise
4. Air filters are being replaced as needed
5. Air conditioner has been serviced and is clear of debris
6. Ceiling insulation is equal to or greater than 12in or R-49 (Ceiling insulation rebates are available)
7. Take a virtual energy assessment on the City of Perry's website cityofperryok.com **OR** schedule a free in-person energy audits, 580-336-4241.

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STREET DEPARTMENT LEAN-TO

In 2025, the Street Department's lean-to structure collapsed. The original structure, believed to have been built more than 70 years ago and was at one time owned by ODOT. The structure is currently being used to store the street department's equipment — making its replacement essential. Under the direction of Street Supervisor Chris Burpo, the Street Department crew took on rebuilding the structure themselves, completing it in between their regular street duties. By constructing the new lean-to in-house, the street crew saved the City and Perry citizens money. Their hard work and dedication are truly appreciated and deserve recognition.

COLLAPSE AND REMOVAL







CONSTRUCTION OF NEW







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PERRY CARNEGIE LIBRARY

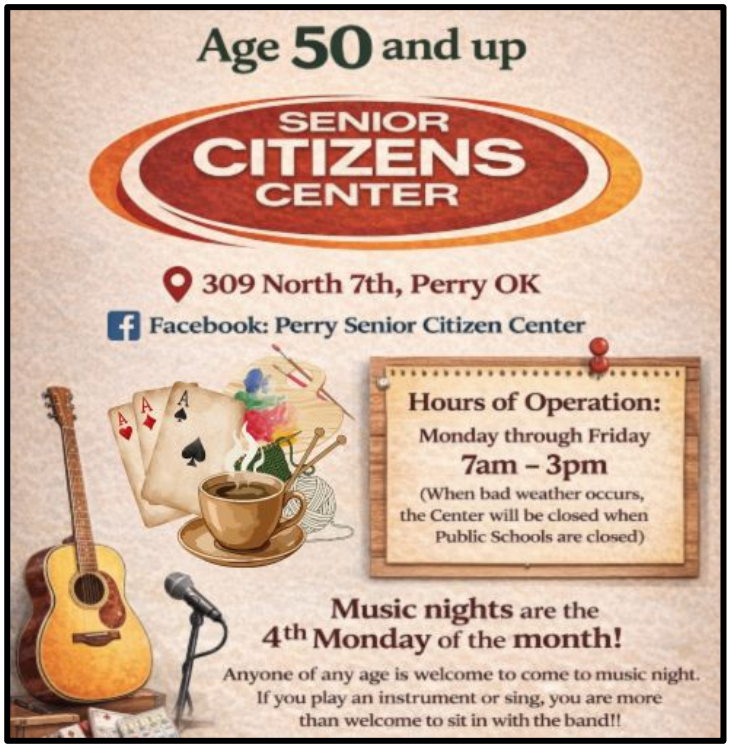
Monday - Thursday 10am-6pm
Friday 10am - 5pm
302 North 7th, Perry Ok
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Sculpture: Jim Franklin-"A Great Story... Then And Now"

Great news! The Library Board approved extending movie checkouts from two to seven days. Fines for overdue movies were also decreased from a dollar to a quarter each day. We have a great selection without streaming or rental fees! New titles include: "Downton Abbey, the Grand Finale", "Freakier Friday", and "Stolen Girl."

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

- Berg, Elizabeth--Life
- Brown, Sandra—Bloodlust
- Coble, Colleen-When Justice Comes
- Jimenez, Abby—Night we Met
- Mallery, Susan—Bookstore Diaries
- Patterson, James—Judge Stone
- Peterson, Tracie—Faithful of Heart
- Score, Lucy—Mistakes Were Made
- Steel, Danielle—Felicia's Favorites
- Unger, Lisa—Served Him Right



Theatre Thursday (ages 18+) @ 10AM on Mar. 12th & 26th

Storytime (ages 0-5) @ 10:30AM
March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and Apr. 1st

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



March 2nd – Build It! (Legos) & Vegetable Tortilla Roll Ups
March 9th – Ribbon Garland & Parfaits
March 16th – Beaded Plant Bookmark & Bird's Nest Cookies
March 23rd – Spring Games & Flower Garden Graham Crackers
March 30th – Movie Showing & Popcorn @ 3:30PM-5:30PM

DIY Canvas Bag Art
(Tween Program 9-11 years old): Mar. 6th @ 3:30PM *(Signup required by Mar. 4th)*

Escape Room
(Tween Program 9-11 years old): Apr. 3rd @ 3:30PM-5:30PM *(Signup required by Apr 1st)*

BLUEY EVENT
MARCH 17th @ 10:30-12:00PM and 4:00-5:30PM
Free come & go Bluey Event for any age! Themed Bluey activities throughout the library for kids, families, or adults that love Bluey! There are two sessions so even those who don't get off until 4:30pm can attend! *This is a come and go event; reservations are not required.*



PLEASE NOTE: Library program dates are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please check the library's website or Facebook page.