May, 2026

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 1st Perry Main Street, Centennial Ceremony at Kumback, 625 Delaware, 11am
May 1st - 2nd Perry Community Garage Sale for more information email perryokcgs@gmail.com
May 2-3rd Cinco de Mayo Tournament at BMAC
May 4th City Council meeting
May 8th Main Street Perry, Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser, Registration 4:30pm, Shotgun Start 5:30pm
May 9-10th Mother's Day Tournament at BMAC
May 18th City Council meeting, 6:15pm - presenting proposed budget to council
May 25th All City of Perry offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.
Garbage pickup will run as normal.
May 25th Perry Municipal Pool Opening Day! See page 2
May 28th Planning Commission Meeting 5:30pm
May 28th Cherokee Strip Museum Blacksmith demonstration, begins at 10am and ends at 2pm
June 1st City Council meeting, 6:15pm - Presenting budget for approval.
June 6-7th 11th Annual Brendon McLarty Memorial Tournament at BMAC

A BYTE FROM GRACE HILL

Flowers to be picked up by June 1st, 2026


Grace Hill Cemetery

Family members will be decorating graves for Memorial Day soon. While decorating can occur at any time in May, the cemetery crew will have everything mowed and weedeated by May 22nd. It is recommended to wait until after the ground's maintenance is done to set out decorations, ensuring they will be able to maintain the grave and headstones without hindrance of decor and flowers.

Flowers and other items that would hinder mowing and regular maintenance at Grace Hill Cemetery should be picked up no later than Monday, June 1st by dusk, when the gates close. This includes any ornaments and trinkets on the gravesite that could be damaged during maintenance. Glass and alcohol are not allowed on graves and headstones.

Any items not picked up will be collected and disposed of by cemetery employees on Tuesday morning, June 2nd. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated, thank you.
- Grace Hill Cemetery Sexton, Lauralee Flamm



If you live in Perry, we'd love for you to participate!

Over 400 residents participated in last year's survey—we'd love to hear from even more of you this year!

Perry is YOUR city—help shape its future! We've launched our annual Resident Opinion Survey, and we need your feedback on how we're doing and what you'd like to see change in Perry.

- ✔ **Takes just 5 minutes**
- ✔ **Easy to complete on your phone or computer**
- ✔ **Available until May 15th**

Don't miss this chance to have your voice heard! Your feedback helps guide decisions that impact the entire community. Follow the link or scan the **QR code** below to participate!

📣 **Make a difference in Perry—take the survey!**

Link: https://forms.cityofperryok.com/opinion

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PERRY MUNICIPAL POOL

The City of Perry is once again partnering with the Noble County YMCA to operate the Perry Municipal Pool for the 2026 summer season. **Opening day is May 25th!**



Hours of operations:
Tuesday - Friday
1:00pm-6:00pm
Saturday- Sunday
1:00pm - 5:00pm

Admissions:
17 and under $3, 18 and over $4
Age 9 and under must be accompanied by someone 16 years or older

Annual Pool Passes:
17 and under - $60, 18 and up $70,
Family (within the household) $150

Parties: will be held on Wednesday, Saturday and Sundays 0-50 people $125 ($50 deposit required), over 51 people $175 ($50 deposit required) call the pool at 580-336-4030 for more information after May 26th, 2025.
The pool is located in Lions Park at 1324 Cedar St in Perry as well as the Perry Splash Pad. The splash pad is open daily 10am - 8pm.

ATTENTION PARK PATRONS

Our parks are places for families, kids, and the whole community to enjoy. To help keep them safe and welcoming for everyone, smoking and tobacco use are not permitted in park areas.
The City of Perry parks crew has noticed cigarette butts being left on the ground, which can be harmful—especially to small children who may pick them up or put them in their mouths.
Please do your part by respecting the no smoking policy and properly disposing of any waste outside of park areas.
Thank you for helping keep our parks clean, safe, and enjoyable for all!







PUNCHING ABOVE OUR WEIGHT

We're thrilled that Perry is one of just four Oklahoma cities set to welcome a new Amazon facility soon! With a population of only 5,000, we're truly "punching above our weight," as Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell has stated when talking about Perry.
For perspective the other 3 cities are:

- Broken Arrow: 100,000 residents
- McAlester: 18,000 residents
- Weatherford: 12,000 residents

The new facility is being constructed just west of BMAC and Crownline Arena, right off I-35. Perry might be the smallest in size but what a big impact for our community and for Oklahoma. The facility is slated to open in November 2026.





If headstones could talk... oh, the stories these stones could tell at Grace Hill Cemetery. We know of one in particular that's especially intriguing. Take a step back in time and read the article about the early days of Perry's history. The grammar mistakes have been left just as they were to preserve the integrity of the original author's writing. According to historical sources, the inscription on the featured headstone should read 1894 - not 1893. ***Fun fact:*** *what we in Perry know as Delaware Street was once called D Street!*



The Morning Sentinel - Perry, Oklahoma
17 Apr 1894, Tue • Page 1
The Killing of Meek - Editor Morning Sentinel.
Dear Sir: As there are many untruthful rumors afloat in reference to the circumstances surrounding the murder of E. C. Meek. I send you the following for publication:
Mr. E. C. Meek and myself were enroute from Clifton, Texas, to Perry, and passed through Gainsville on the 13 of April, the day J. W. Crews murdered Mr. Murrell, his wife and son. We found the good citizens of Cook county much excited and enraged, and very anxious to find the murderer. The woods, hills and valleys were covered with men hunting for the criminal. Meek and I talked about the matter and decided to arrest the villian if we saw him in our travels. We got a good discription of him and the next day passed within a few hundred yards of him and at once recognized him. Mr. Meek jumped out of the wagon, and went to the nearest house and borrowed a gun and persued the murderer. As soon as I had got the team out of the road I followed and passed the, lady of whom Meek, borrowed the gun, and she informed me that it was loaded with bird shot. When I over took Meek I told him that the gun he had was loaded with bird shot. He said "I don't care, you get a gun and follow me." I started for the nearest house in search of a gun, but had only gone three or four hundred yards when I heard them commence shooting. I think Meek, with the shotgun, fired the first and third shots and that Crews, with the Winchester, the second, fourth and fifth. I went to two houses but was unable to get a gun so I returned to my starting point, at which place I found some gentlemen had arrived with guns. I borrowed a gun and started after Crews. I met a man on the road who told me that be saw a horse close to the fence, but failing to find the horse where I expected to find it, I started back to get a better discription of the location and was Joined by others. Three went west and another man and I went south. The men who went west found the body of Mr. Meek, called me and I went up to him. Meek wan lying on his right side dead. We afterwards learned that Crews was shot twice by Mr. Meek, who was no doubt the cause of his arrest, for after being wounded, Crews walked down, the railroad to Thackerville, and was arrested the same evening.
All the people we met were very kind and took great interest in the affair. - A. T. McSpadden.

The Morning Sentinel - Perry, Oklahoma
20 Apr 1894, Fri • Page 4 - Communicated
Editor Morning Sentinel: After the murder of my unfortunate friend E. C. Meek I decided to ship his remains at once to Perry to his loving wife and children. I was met at the Santa Fe depot on my arrival at Perry with the remains, by members of the family and friends of my murdered comrade. The body was taken to the residence of Mrs. Meek on D street, and after the funeral, which was held at the house, the body was buried in Grace Hill cemetery. I sincerely hope that it will never again fall to my lot to witness a scene of a mother and children burying a husband and father who was murdered by a villian while defending the laws of his country. - A. F. McSpadden.

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Library Closed on May 25th for Memorial Day



The Bluey Bash on March 17th was a success!



Summer Reading Incentives

We offer free weekly events for different age groups and a reading challenge for children to earn incentives while they read.

Reading Challenge: Signup starts May 13th. Ages 0-11 sign up downstairs and ages 12-17 sign up upstairs. Those who sign up May 13th-15th will receive a sign-up prize. Track your reading on our reading log. Return incrementally for prizes.

Summer Activities "Unearth a Story"

****All programs with asterisks require registration. Call 580-336-4721**

Theatre Thursdays @ 10AM on May 14th & May 28th (18+)

Storytime @ 10:30am & 11:30am (Ages 0-5)
May 13th, 20th, 27th, and June 3rd



Toddler Time (June 5th @ 10:15am-11:15am)
Ages 0-5 and their adult caregiver can come & go free play hour.

STEM Stars (June 5th @ 3pm-4:30pm)
Ages 6-11 Come & Go for STEM themed free play. Use the supplies set out to build and create something or enjoy a ready-to-go STEM kit.

SRP Events: (Sign up in person or call 580-336-4721)
****May 19th - Zoo Safari USA:** Learn about and pet some of animals from their rescue zoo.

May 26th - Come & Go Indoor Mini-Golf: Downstairs will be set up like a mini-golf track. (This is a come and go event.)

****June 2nd - Escape Jurassic Park:** Dinosaur themed stations--games, crafts, scavenger hunt, and more.

Ages 9-17 Events (Registration Required – Scan QR code or call 580-336-4721)
****May 20th** @ 3-4pm (Walking Tacos & Games)
****June 3rd** @ 3-4pm (Glow Party)

Forthcoming Titles:
Center, Katherine—*Shippers*
Connelly, Michael—*Ironwood*
Penny, Louise—*Last Mandarin*
McFadden, Freida—*Divorce*
Roberts, Nora—*Final Target*
Strout, Elizabeth—*Things We Never Say*

Put your name on a waiting list if they haven't arrived or if they are checked out. You need a library card to place a hold.



AVOID WATER LINE DAMAGE

Driving over meter cans cause serious damage and costly leaks. Water meter cans are not designed for vehicles or heavy equipment, and driving over them can crush the meter into the water line. Please avoid driving over meter cans at all times, even in parking areas. "Drive-over" lids are only intended for light equipment—not vehicles. Mowers are the most common cause of damage to meter can lids and antennas. Customers may be charged for damaged or missing meter parts.