August, 2026

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Aug 3rd City Council meeting, 6:15pm
Aug 6th Main Street, Meet a Maroon, 7:30pm
Aug 9th Last Day for the Perry Municipal Pool
Aug 17th Planning Commission, 5:15pm
Aug 17th City Council meeting, 6:15pm
Aug 28th Cherokee Strip Museum, Art Exhibition and Silent Auction. 6pm-8pm, RSVP at cherokee-strip-museum.org
Sept 7th All City of Perry offices closed for Labor Day, garbage trucks will run as normal on September 7th, 2026
Sept 8th City Council meeting, 6:15pm





Perry Splash Pad will remain open
Open Daily 10am - 8pm

SCHOOL BEGINS AUGUST 13TH



Please be mindful and alert of school zones, cross walks, and buses to keep students and staff safe.

When a school bus extends its stop sign and activates its red flashing lights, Oklahoma law requires drivers to stop.



Please remain stopped until the stop sign is retracted and the bus resumes motion. Help keep our students safe by staying alert and obeying school bus traffic laws.

Save the Dates SEPTEMBER 13th - 19th, 2026 Noble County Fair and Cherokee Strip Celebration. Visit perryokchamber.com to stay informed about all events happening that week!

Save the Date OCTOBER 17th, 2026
Exciting things are taking off at the Perry Municipal Airport! The Perry Planes and Car Show is coming soon. More details will be shared in the September Newsletter.

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RECEPTION FOR UPCOMING EXHIBIT:

OPENING RECEPTION: August 28, 2026, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at the Cherokee Strip Museum. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and a silent auction featuring an exclusive painting by the artist.

For tickets and more information, visit the museum's website.

FEATURED ARTIST:



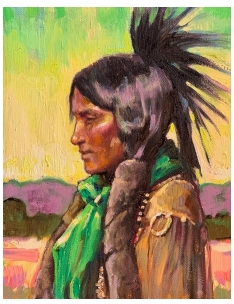
Beth Ann Loftin is a painter and sculptor who combines traditional western portraits with contemporary techniques and color work. Compositions are sourced from an extensive collection of vintage photographs compiled by the artist over 40 years. Heightened colors and multi-layered brushwork render these American ancestors with striking immediacy, drawing viewers into their worlds. Works cast in bronze present intimate portraits of western women and dynamic cowboy subjects in small editions.

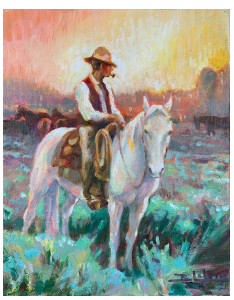
A devotion to portraiture began at age 16 when Loftin began creating commissioned pieces for individuals. Later, her artwork grew from a love of native peoples, Plains history, and the American cowboy. Each subject comes to life in intuitive palettes and tells a lost story; horse and animal figures are rendered with a keen eye of anatomy developed over years working with horses. Loftin earned a full scholarship in art at the University of Science and Art in Oklahoma and has painted professionally since that time.

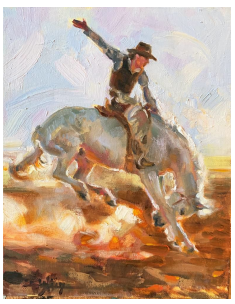
Work has been featured in numerous one-person and group shows, most notably at Edith Lambert gallery, Chaparral Fine Art, Mountain Trails, and Legacy Fine Art. Selected as featured artist at the Jackson Hole Fine Art festival in 1999, she created the poster work for that year. She has contributed to many private and public corporate collections, including the Kameoka Historical Museum, Kameoka , Japan, and the Latvian Artists Association in Riga, Latvia. Loftin's artwork has been featured in several national magazines including Southwest Art, Big Sky Journal, Western Art and Architecture , Oklahoma Today, and Persimmon Hill.

She maintains two studios, one in Oklahoma, in the midst of her heritage, another in Big Timber, Montana, where she resided for over 25 years.

ARTWORK:








SUMMER IS IN FULL BLOOM...

With school starting soon, now is a great time to trim back overgrown. Property owners are responsible for keeping trees, shrubs, and other vegetation from extending into streets, alleys, and easements next to their property.

Overgrown vegetation can reduce visibility and damage larger vehicles such as school buses, emergency vehicles, sanitation trucks. Please maintain at least 14 feet of clearance above streets and alleys by trimming overhanging branches.

If vegetation needs immediate attention City crews may trim or remove it. To report a hazardous location, please contact City Hall at 580-336-4241 to request a work order.









Actual photos taken around town and modified to show examples.



While you're mowing, keep grass clippings out of the street. Blowing or leaving grass clippings on roadways is a violation of City Ordinance Section 8-108. Grass clippings can clog storm drains, create slippery conditions for motorcycles, bicycles, and pedestrians, and make our streets look untidy.

City crews may remove vegetation that presents an immediate public safety hazard. Thank you for doing your part to keep Perry safe, clean, and accessible for everyone!



The City of Perry has officially been awarded a $3,439,820 BUILD Grant for our railroad overpass project!

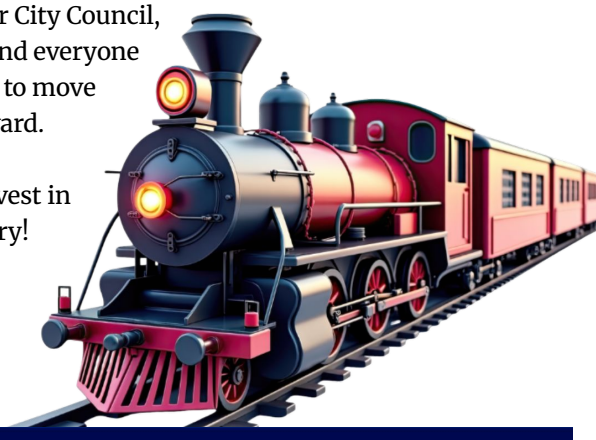
This funding will cover the feasibility analysis, environmental review, engineering, and final design of the overpass - bringing us one major step closer to construction. With this phase complete, we'll be positioned to pursue future funding for the actual construction of the overpass.

This is an incredible achievement for our community. Perry was the only city in Oklahoma to receive a BUILD Grant this funding cycle and one of only three entities statewide selected for funding.

Projects like this don't happen without strong partnerships. We want to extend a sincere thank you to Senator James Lankford's Office for their support and advocacy throughout this process, as well as BNSF Railway for providing the required local match that helped make this award possible.

This investment represents another major step toward improving safety, reducing traffic delays, strengthening emergency response, and preparing Perry for future growth.

Thank you to our City Council, staff, partners, and everyone who has worked to move this project forward. Together, we're continuing to invest in the future of Perry!



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PERRY CARNEGIE LIBRARY

MONDAY - THURSDAY 10AM-6PM
FRIDAY 10AM - 5PM

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August Library Events

August 4th Luau Reward Party for ages 0-8 @ 10:30, 1:30, 4:30
August 5th Luau Reward Party for ages 9-18 @ 3pm
August 13th Theater Thursday for 18+ @ 10am
August 19th Storytime for ages 0-5 @ 10:30am
August 26th Storytime for ages 0-5 @ 10:30am
August 27th Theater Thursday for 18+ @ 10am
September 2nd Storytime for ages 0-5 @ 10:30am



New Books for August

Books are released all month. If we purchase in large print, the books might have a later publication date. Sometimes release dates change.

Tess Gerritsen—Shadow Friends
William Kreuger—God's Country
Gillian McAllister—That Night
Liane Moriarty—Big Little Truths
Karin Slaughter—Secrets We Hide
Danielle Steel—True Meaning of Love
Alice Hoffman—Witches of Cambridge
Riley Sager—Unknown
James Patterson—Delusional
Chris Bohjalian—Amateur
Jeffery Deaver—Deceptions
Meg Cabot—Magic We Made
Lisa Gardner—You'll Be Sorry

Reminders:

- **Return library books checked out this summer!** If materials are long overdue, they are deleted from the system and lost fees will be incurred. Notify us of address or phone number changes.
- **Some books with long waiting lists on Libby** are available on our shelf or are available instantly on Hoopla. Hoopla has fewer choices, but immediate availability. You need to download Libby or Hoopla apps and have a card in good standing for access. Library cards do expire every two years.
- **Great news!** We have set up access to the Ebsco databases provided by the state of OK Department of Libraries. You don't need a library card for access, but you must be in Oklahoma. Access is granted by location. Look on our website for access to Ebsco as well a JobNow, Vetnow and Brainfuse for tutoring help. Perrypl.okpls.org

You are invited! Visit the Perry Carnegie Library for reading and fun!

