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- Finn Family Dentistry
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# Chamber Chatter

**August 2008**

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## Aug. 15th—Friday Fest “Homegrown in Iowa” Music Series

Downtown Perry, Iowa 5:30-9:30 PM

Friday Fest events offer entertainment throughout the summer. Join us for a spectacular evening of music, kid's activities, and lots of food, beverages, and fun. Showtime Dance Studio will kick off the next Friday Fest at 5:30 p.m. in front of the stage, featuring a new addition to their current programs with Hip-Hop routines. There will be two Family Feud Game times that will be at 6:00 p.m. & the second round and FINALS will be around 7:30 p.m. during the main entertainment break. Both are located at the Raccoon Valley Bank. We greatly appreciate all the work by the Family Feud crew: Micah Chaplin, Jennie Wilson (Hughes), Jeff Burrignt, & Chad Hoffbeck. We could use two more volunteers for Family Feud games. To volunteer call Micah at 465-4666 or the chamber office at 465-4601.

Pocket Full of Nickels is a rock, blues, jam based band with a smooth earthy sound. They explore the creative channels of rock, rhythm & blues, bluegrass and a variety of other sounds. The band consist of mostly family members, they are: Chris Nichols, Doug Nichols, Ben Nichols, Gary Jensen, & Kenna Christensen.



The beverage garden will be provided by Bredeaux Pizza located in front of the stage. The Perry Fine Arts & Blue Rock Guitars will present musician Vicki Genfan to entertain during the featured band's break around 8:30 p.m. as well as the Chamber's 50/50 raffle announcement, where an individual will win half of the collected proceeds in Perry Bucks. Bring your lawn chairs downtown as well as the entire family, friends, and neighbors to join you for a FUN night out!

Contributing Sponsors:

**Bock Family Foundation**

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*\*The Chamber desires to have more volunteers to assist with each Friday Fest event... contact the chamber office at 465-4601 or perrychmbr@aol.com to sign up!*

First Federal Savings Bank  
 Four Seasons Car Wash  
 Godfrey Printing & Promotion  
 Grand Theatre  
 Granger Motors of Perry  
 Graphics2U  
 H & R Block  
 Haaland Financial Services  
 Hammer Hardwood Floors  
 Hanson Directory  
 Harland Ace Hardware  
 Hartman Florists  
 Heaven's Best  
 Heenan Agency  
 Hastings Funeral Home  
 Hospice of Central Iowa  
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 Metro Buffet  
 MidAmerican Energy  
 Murdock Funeral Home  
 Naturaleza

## 45th Annual Chamber Golf Outing Rescheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup>

**What:** Annual Golf Outing

**Where:** Perry Golf & Country Club

**When:** Monday, June 9th

Registration begins at 10:00 AM

Shotgun start at 11:00 AM

Dinner at 4:00 PM

[Menu: Pork Chop or BBQ Chicken, potatoes, pasta salad, lettuce salad, dinner roll, & dessert.]

**Cost:** \$40.00 per person (\$20- golf or dinner only)

Join us for a day of fun, relaxation, and collaborating with other Chamber members and the public in an effort to promote businesses while increasing community betterment and growth! Call 515-465-4601 or email [perrychmbr@aol.com](mailto:perrychmbr@aol.com).

**“Sign up your Foursome by Friday, Aug. 1st!”**



### Blue Rock Guitars & More Workshops

Friday, Aug. 15th: (*Blue Rock—1124 2nd*)

11am- Noon Meet Katrina Johansson

2:00pm Electric Guitar Clinic w/Katrina Johansson

8:30pm Vicki Genfan to perform at Friday Fest

Saturday, Aug. 16th: (*Blue Rock—1124 2nd*)

11am-Noon Meet Vicki Genfan

2:00pm Acoustic Guitar Clinic w/ Vicki Genfan

Saturday, Aug. 16th: (*Perry Events Center*)

4:00pm Clinic with MICHEAL ANGELO BATIO

\$5.00 Admission, this clinic only—that includes prizes from Blue Rock Guitars!

8:00pm DOA/MAB Forum Jam

*\*All Clinics are open to the Public &  
No Smoking or Alcohol allowed in indoor events..*

### Highway 141 Garage Sale

**Friday & Saturday  
August 1st & 2nd  
Grimes to Manilla on Hwy 141**

Map of Perry garage sales in July 29th Shopper or on website at [www.141sale.com](http://www.141sale.com).  
Maps also available at Hy-Vee Parking Lot.

### Thank You—Bucket Brigade & Parade Committee

Thanks to the following for raising \$3,000.65 for the Fourth of July Fireworks with the help of Pat Graney's emcee talents. Also, thank you to Granger Motors of Perry that provided the transportation for the Bucket Brigade.

#### Men

Terry Carmicheal  
Andy Stout  
Ricky Pentico  
Jason Levan  
Billy Boyle  
Daniel Graney

#### Women

Marsha McCaulley  
Nancy Graney  
Cheri Scheib  
Joelle Miner  
Megan Martin  
Shirley Keenan  
Alice Miskimins  
Randi Goodale

*\*Thank you to Marcus Carris for assisting with the parade line up this year, along with Chad Hoffbeck & Randy McCaulley.*

## Big Read project in October, 2008



The Perry Public Library is one of 208 libraries, municipalities, and arts, culture, higher education, and science organizations to receive a grant to host The Big Read from September 2008-June 2009. The Big Read gives communities the opportunity to come together to read, discuss, and celebrate one of 23 selections from American and world literature. The Big Read in Perry will focus on *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Activities will take place during October of 2008.

"It is a tremendous honor that Perry, Iowa has been selected as a Big Read community for 2008," comments Emily Weaver, director of the Perry Public Library. "The library staff and I look forward to hearing how local readers, our neighbors and friends, will relate to the unforgettable characters and situations we will discover in Fitzgerald's classic novel."

"With this latest round of grants, I am proud to say that The Big Read has supported more than 500 public library partnerships," said Anne-Imelda M. Radice, Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the NEA's lead federal partner for The Big Read. "Through this program, public libraries continue to demonstrate their value in communities as centers of engagement, literacy, and lifelong learning. I am particularly delighted by the innovative public programming born out of library and museum collaborations."

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The NEA presents The Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. Support for The Big Read is provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Transportation for The Big Read is provided by Ford.

**CONTACT: Iris Coffin, Big Read Coordinator, 515-238-0404 for more information.**

### PERRY COUPON BOOK OPPORTUNITY

The Perry Coupon Book came about through the Retail/Business Group, headed by Larry Vodenik. In order to make this a feasible plan we request at least 25 businesses to participate. The following is the current breakdown for pricing costs: Corporation cost - \$75, Large Business—\$50, and Small Business is—\$25 for first initial coupon and then we'll add \$10 per additional coupon. The Chamber Board has agreed to pay a portion of the promotional costs with the Hotel/Motel tax account as well as cushion the cost of the production of the books.

The group agreed to do the coupon book from Nov. 2008 through Jan 2009, that will get people out during the holidays and finish off merchandise following the holidays. If all works out well, this can be continued each year or at different times of the year.

Local organizations will sell the books for \$5 and keep \$4 and give back \$1 per book for the expense of making the book. For example, organizations such as: Girl or Boy Scouts, Jr. Prom Committee, HUP, High School Art Dept/Band/Drama, Crossroads, or Rotary.

If you or any business would like to be part of the **COUPON BOOK**, contact **Linda Schumacher to express your interest as soon as possible!! Deadline is August 15th** to notify the Chief. Ad content will need to be to Linda by end of August. (TAKE initiative to contact Linda at the Chief. This way she'll KNOW that you are interested and shows respect for her time & energy towards this major project). This is YOUR opportunity to advertising and get exposure for a very LOW cost!

The Coupon Book is a win-win for non-profit fundraising AND also keeps the monies spent locally while helping Perry's business & economy. Please do your part to make sure that if we "Live Here...We Buy Here and SHOP PERRY FIRST!" Be part of the upcoming Coupon Book for 2008!

**Call Linda at 465-4666 for more information.**

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 No Lawn Left Behind  
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 Parker's Flower & Gifts  
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 Raccoon Valley Bank  
 Rainbow Int'l & Restoration  
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Village Bargain Shoppe  
Wells Fargo Bank  
Whiton Feed & Milling  
Wiese Industries  
Wilson Law Firm  
Willis, Sackett & Dalen  
Yellow Book USA

## Sales Tax Holiday

Iowa's 9th annual Iowa Sales Tax Holiday will be held Friday and Saturday, August 1 and 2, 2008. The holiday does not include Sunday.

Please note that businesses cannot advertise that they will pay or otherwise absorb the sales tax on items that don't qualify.

As before, qualifying clothing or footwear having a selling price of less than \$100 will be exempt from sales tax, including local option sales tax.

For more information:  
Contact Renee Mulvey with  
Iowa Dept. of Revenue at  
(515)242-6226 or go to...

<http://www.state.ia.us/tax>

## Dallas County Hospital Partners with Mercy Medical Center

July 1, 2008 marked an exciting new partnership for providing healthcare in Dallas and surrounding counties. The Dallas County Hospital Board of Trustees chose Mercy Medical Center as their hospital management partner, making Dallas County Hospital the newest member of the Mercy Health Network and their 26 affiliated hospitals across Iowa.

"The goal of partnering with Mercy Medical Center is to keep the hospital as a vibrant community player", Marc Meyer, Chairman of the Dallas County Board of Trustees said, "We want to meet the health needs of our communities in the best way possible and we feel the Mercy Health Network will help us achieve this goal." Dallas County Hospital will continue to provide quality healthcare including a 24/7 emergency department, visiting specialty clinics and outpatient services and will look to enhance and expand

services, improve accessibility to care across the county and purchase modern equipment to keep pace with changing needs. Meyer went on to say, "this is an important time for Dallas County Hospital as we continue on our path to focus on addressing our county's health needs. Mercy Medical Center has already been very supportive of this mission and we look forward to new endeavors." Laurie Conner, who has served as Chief Executive Officer for the past seven years has accepted the position as CEO under the Mercy Medical Center Management Agreement.

"Mercy Medical Center - Des Moines and Mercy Health Network are extremely pleased and excited to establish this affiliation with Dallas County Hospital. The leadership of Dallas County Hospital, including the Board of Directors, management team, physicians and many others, have built an exceptionally good community health care system," said David Vellinga, President & CEO, Mercy Medical Center.

For more information, call 465-7516.

## Chamber Coffee:

On **Thursday, Aug. 14th, Parker's Flowers** will host a Chamber Coffee at 1304 Second Street from 8:30 to 9:30 am. They will offer light refreshments and give a brief presentation on their services they provide. The Public and Chamber members are encouraged to attend.

**Aug. 28th - McKee Auto**, North on Hwy 141 & 144 intersection.

If you would like to host a Chamber Coffee, call 465-4601 or [perrychmbr@aol.com](mailto:perrychmbr@aol.com).

## July Customer Service Award Winner: Gordon Klatt, Stitches In Time

The Perry Chamber of Commerce recently awarded Gordon Klatt, Stitches in Time, with the July Customer Service Award. He was nominated by Margaret Harden. In her nomination, she stated:

*"Gordon is always happy to help anyone that comes into the store, such as customers, vendors or just lookers. He carries the purchased merchandise in AND out of the store for the customers as well as assist people where else they can shop in Perry by getting the brochure map out to give them directions. He also takes the maps to antiques shops in other towns to help promote our local business. Gordon is always willing to do a favor with his positive, enthusiastic, & energetic personality. Thanks for all you do!"*

Klatt was presented with a gift bag from the Perry Chamber of Commerce.

*\*If you would like to nominate someone for the Chamber's Customer Service Award, please contact the Chamber office at: 515.465.4601.*



