

**Perry Chamber Members:**

- Abilities Unlimited
- ALCO
- Alice's Haus Dresin, Ltd.
- Alliant Energy
- AASV
- American Family Insurance
- Around the World
- Bacon Jewelers
- Bally Hoo Bar & Grill
- The Bamba Restaurant
- Ben Franklin
- Bett & Bev's Catering
- Better Business Bureau
- Bluejay Market
- Blue Rock Guitars & More
- Bredeaux Pisa
- Bridal Boutique
- Burger King
- Calico Shops
- Carris Family Funeral Home
- Casa de Oro
- Casey's General Store-West
- Casey's General Store-East
- Cellular Connect
- Central Iowa Foot Clinic
- City of Perry
- Creations Unlimited, LLC
- Crossroads Church
- DaVita Perry Dialysis
- D&D Plumbing & Heating
- Dallas County Hospital
- Dallas County News, Inc.
- Don's Radio & TV
- Dr. Eugene McClintock
- Edward Jones
- Elks Lodge #407
- Eye Care Associates, PC
- Family Credit Union
- Family Eye Clinic
- Fareway Stores, Inc.
- Farm Credit Svcs of America
- Farmers Insurance Group
- Farmer's Coop
- Financial Benefits
- Finn Family Dentistry
- Perry Family Dentistry

# Chamber Chatter

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## **"It's Laughter We're After!" ~ A FUN Seminar for All to Enjoy!**

**January 24, 2008 • McCreary Theater • 6:30 PM**

A FUN NIGHT OUT...bring your funny bone! Come meet Jenny Herrick, a gifted speaker filled with a contagious enthusiasm for living.

Jenny is a member of the Applied Association for Therapeutic Humor, Fellowship of Merry Christians, Int'l Clowns of America and National Speakers Association. She utilizes her fun-loving skills to bring joy and humor to people throughout this country and overseas. Jenny had a unique experience of traveling to China with a Fun Medicine delegation led by the famous clown/physician, Dr. Patch Adams! She joined other clown ambassadors to provide "mirth aid" to rescue workers at Ground Zero, an experience she says "changed my life."

Jenny's personal experiences have provided her with stories to pique your interest about many aspects of the humorous side of life. Her depth of knowledge, sense of humor and caring attitude leave you inspired and motivated.

This is a lady who believes the quality of your attitude determines the quality of your relationships, not to mention just about everything else in life! So get ready to LAUGH!!

Cost is \$6 per Chamber member or \$10 for non-members with refreshments provided prior to seminar. Payment requested at the time of your reservation. RSVP by January 18th due to limited seating. Refreshments at 6:30 pm & Jenny at 7 pm.

*"Jenny has an uncanny ability to assist people in developing their inner LAUGHTER? This is important to the everyday relationships that we create as well as the healing power of humor." Rayme Nuckels, CEO of Florida Coalition for the Homeless.*



**"Laughter, when it comes from the heart, is a heavenly thing."**

**RSVP: Jan. 24th—"It's Laughter We're After" - Chamber Seminar**

**Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost: \$6 Chamber members    Payment Amount : \_\_\_\_\_**  
**\$10 Non-members**

*Please provide payment at the time of reservation. We will not invoice unless you need receipt.*

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

Howard R. Green Company

Hulgan Plumbing & Heating

Hy-Vee

Iowa Telecom

Jamison Studio

Jason's Towing & Repair

Joebgen Shoe Store

John Glass Construction

KDLS Radio

Kum & Go

Levan Seed, Inc.

Lisa's Pub

MAC Construction, Inc.

Mary Rose

Mandarin Café

Mark Seed

McCreary Center

McKee Auto & RV

Mediacom

Medicap Pharmacy

Melodie Whiton-State Farm

Meriwether, Wilson & Co.

Metro Buffet

MidAmerican Energy

Murdock Funeral Home

National Guard Armory

Naturaleza

New Hope Village

Nevitt GMAC Real Estate

No Lawn Left Behind

## 2008 BRR Ride ~ "Grin & BRR It!"

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual BRR (Bike Ride to Rippey): "Grin & BRR It!" will be held on **Saturday, February 2, 2008.**

Tabbed the "Winter Ragbrai Reunion," this original winter ride is a 24-mile round trip from Perry to Rippey and back. BRR attracts thousands of riders and bike enthusiasts from all over the country.

The event is a frozen-filled day of biking, games, prizes and entertainment. **New this year**....all events, including the ride, begin at the McCreary Community Building. The Bikers will begin at 10 am at the Recreation Center continue to Lucinda Avenue West, then north onto 1st Street to P-54, then West onto E-57 into Rippey.

Riders may pre-register for the ride at: [www.bikeiowa.com](http://www.bikeiowa.com), or you may call the Perry Chamber of Commerce for a registration form. The \$30 pre-registration includes: commemorative t-shirt, 22nd annual BRR pin (first 300 pre-registrants), chance to win \$500 in Perry Bucks, hot chocolate break (provided by Hy-Vee), lunch, sag wagon, game coupons, entertainment, and admission to the McCreary Community Center (pool, sauna, etc.). Riders may also register the day of the ride for \$35. A new addition to registration, is an opportunity to donate towards local projects associated to the Raccoon River Valley Bike Trail.

The Chamber welcomes any and all volunteers the day of the event from 7 AM to 4 PM as well as set up Friday night prior to BRR around 3 PM.

\*We will list BRR entertainment on flyers & local media...so stay tuned!



For more information, contact the Chamber office at 465-4601 or [perrychmbr@aol.com](mailto:perrychmbr@aol.com)

## Funding for Perry Riverfront Project

Iowa Congressman Tom Latham announced that he secured \$23,000 in federal cost-share funding for studies and survey work in connection with the riverfront development project in Perry.

“This study is an important step in moving this project forward,” Latham said. “It’s my hope that the project will eventually become a centerpiece in Perry.”

The funds will be appropriated with the development of a master plan to improve the riverfront along the Raccoon River in Perry. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will collect data on land elevations, local vegetation and other components that will go into the master plan on which local officials are working. This is also in conjunction with the Brownfields clean-up around the river area that is adjacent to the planned

bike trails for 2008.

The corps frequently works with local governments to develop data and a scope of work, lending its expertise and knowledge on improvements to the local riverfronts, on flood protection initiatives and on other projects of a similar nature.

Latham has secured funding for homeland security first-responders, Iowa National Guard, agriculture, environmental initiatives, public education, health care, economic and small business development to name just a few.

## 2008 Chamber of Commerce Due Changes...

The Perry Chamber Board has recognized the need to update the membership dues to be more consistent with other communities similar in size. We also want to create fairness among all the members that are involved in the chamber. So when you receive your new membership dues for 2008, we will have across the board changes with due increases, decreases, and some that will remain the same. The membership dues updates were long overdue and we took great care in making sure that we remain constant with each category such as the construction, service, retail, licensed professionals, industries, associate members, non-profit, and financial institutions. Also, a new category is “Multi-business,” with each additional business to any existing ones is another \$100 towards your dues. We believe that we have been generous compared to other Chambers in several areas. Please call with any concerns, we will do our best to serve you all!

## Hometown Perry, Iowa & Carnegie Museum

**The Chamber will miss the collaboration of such outstanding individuals as well as the end to quality programming and exhibits through the Carnegie Library Museum with the exception of some activities that will continue.**

**Perry has experienced several crises throughout our history, but there is a larger mission... our connection as a whole. Remember that when we think that something is dying and we can't live without, something greater is taking hold. Nothing is ever lost, only transformed into something NEW! Have FAITH that we are always moving toward a greater reality and GOOD. Perry is defined by all the GREAT people, businesses, vision and our continued growth, especially through times such as these.**

**Take time to give thanks for the things we do have:**

**1. Iowa Great Places & Perry Cultural District designations.**

- 2. Continued Downtown Revitalization.**
- 3. Bike Trails beginning in 2008 from Dawson to Perry, then to Waukee by 2009.**
- 4. Town/Craft Center collaboration with ISU.**
- 5. Our Culturally diverse community that brings value, history, arts, & education.**
- 6. Perry Industries Spec Building that will house a larger company & bring residents to Perry.**
- 7. Future Welcome Center from the Railroad Depot that connects to the bike trail.**
- 8. Possibility of City Hall, Chamber, & Economic Development in one site.**
- 9. PLUS all the other amenities that we have in our community.**

*Thank you ALL, for your partnerships & friendships!*

Orscheln Farm & Home  
 Pamida  
 Panaderia Mexico  
 Parents Anonymous of Iowa  
 Parker's Flower & Gifts  
 Pegasus  
 Percival Scientific, Inc.  
 Perry Chief  
 Perry Community Schools  
 Perry Golf & Country Club  
 Perry Healthcare Center  
 Perry Industries  
 Perry Lawn Care  
 Perry Lutheran Home  
 Perry Paint & Design  
 Peters Auto Supply  
 Peters Service Center  
 Pizza Hut  
 Prairie I-net, LLC  
 Prevention Concepts  
 Progressive Foundry  
 Purviance Farm B & B  
 Qwest  
 Quality Choice P.C.  
 Quick Oil Company  
 Raccoon Valley Bank  
 Rainbow Int'l & Restoration  
 Rardin Chiropractic  
 Re-Max Pros on Main  
 Rockin' Horse  
 Rowles, Hayes & Carney  
 Rowley Masonic Community  
 S & L Water  
 Select Office Systems  
 St. Patrick's School  
 Shoppe of Oddities  
 Shirley, Powell & Finneseth  
 Showtime Studio  
 Snap Fitness  
 Spring Valley Radio  
 Spring Valley Retirement  
 Stitches in Time  
 Stokely Lumber  
 studio  
 Subway  
 SunAm Development, LC  
 Swan Landing Estate

- T & S Plumbing, Heating & Cooling
- The Highland Elk & Bistro
- The Ink Spot
- The Pooch Parlor
- Travel Simplified
- 21st Century Rehab
- Tyson Fresh Meats
- UI Family Care
- Van Wall Equipment
- Veterinary Medical Associates
- Waller & Hughes Law Firm
- Wells Fargo Bank
- Whiton Feed & Milling
- Wiese Industries
- Willis, Sackett & Dalen
- Yellow Book USA

**NOTE:** The Perry Police Department would like all businesses to update their address & phone records for better accuracy and for emergency reasons.

Call 465-4636

**2008 Historic Calendars for SALE!**

Perry Historical Society has calendars for sale at the Chamber office, City Hall, and Bluejay Market for \$15. The calendars consist of historical sites and buildings throughout Perry's history. It'll bring back many memories!

For more information, 465-2481 or 465-4601.

**Hospice has moved!**

Hospice of Central Iowa has experienced significant growth during the past year which required for a larger space. They are now located by Spring Valley Retirement Community building at the following address:

Hospice of Central Iowa  
502 12th Street  
Perry, IA 50220

If you have any questions, contact Connie Pleinis at 465-4705.

**Name Change...**

QCM Auto Trim & Signs is pleased to announce their new name, **Graphics2U**. This is effective January 1, 2008 and will better reflect the quality services they offer. They are also further developing their web presence at [www.graphics2u.com](http://www.graphics2u.com). They look forward to continuing to do business with all of you.

For further information, call 465-3723.



**December Customer Service Award Winner:  
Jeff Burrright, First Federal Savings Bank**

The Perry Chamber of Commerce recently awarded Jeff Burrright, First Federal Savings Bank with the December Customer Service Award. He was nominated by Windsor L. Wenz. In his nomination, he stated:

*"On June 27<sup>th</sup>, I sought assistance to transfer several 27-year old documents to a firm in Baltimore, Maryland. After filling out as much as possible, I asked Mr. Burrright for assistance. He knew exactly what was required and proceeded to complete the forms, affixed his stamp and signed the documents. He did all of this even though the local bank was not a party to the transaction. His caring assistance was above the call of duty! I am very pleased we have such helpful, qualified and courteous people right here in Perry, Iowa."*

Burrright 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.



