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- Financial Benefits
- Finn Family Dentistry
- Perry Family Dentistry

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# Chamber Chatter

**May 2008**

## May 16th—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, arts & crafts and lots of food, beverages, shopping and fun. New this year will be the Family Feud Game that will begin at 6:00 pm. located at the Raccoon Valley Bank. The Chamber will collectively work to get chamber businesses or organizations to feud it out during each Friday Fest event. We have placed questionnaires in local restaurants for residents to assist us with their input on re-collecting Perry's history as we did for last year's Sentimental Journey. So we encourage everyone that can, to please answer the questions provided. If you want us to drop one off at your place of business for your employees to answer, call Micah at 465-4666 or the chamber office at 465-4601.



The “Homegrown in Iowa” music series begins with *The Diversions*. They are a celebration of acoustic guitars and harmonies, with a set list as diverse as Roy Orbison and the Moody Blues, Eric Clapton and Norah Jones. Guitarists Mike Condon and Paul Wilson have been playing together for nearly 40 years. Condon is a highly regarded studio guitarist. Wilson is a classical maestro. Both have a deep regard for folk-rock, the blues and percussive guitar rhythms. Kevin Lind and Laurie Ann Tezak bring vocal sophistication to the group's eclectic mix of great music from across the rock era.

The beverage garden will be provided by Bredeaux Pizza again this year and is located on Warford Street in front of the stage area. The Perry Fine Arts will select a local musician to entertain during the featured band's break as well as the Chamber's 50/50 raffle announcement, where an individual will win half of the collected proceeds in Perry Bucks. So bring the entire family and invite your friends and neighbors to join you for a FUN night out! *If anyone is interested in volunteering their time or would like to make a monetary donation towards the Friday Fest event, contact the chamber office at 465-4601 or [perrychmbr@aol.com](mailto:perrychmbr@aol.com).*

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  
Joejgen Shoe Store  
John Glass Construction  
KDLS Radio  
Kum & Go  
Levan Seed, Inc.  
Lisa's Pub  
MAC Construction, Inc.  
Mary Kay, Kris McDermott  
MD Construction  
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  
Naturaleza  
Nevitt GMAC Real Estate  
No Lawn Left Behind

## Dallas County Health Fair –May 3rd

Visit the Dallas County Health and Wellness Fair at the McCreary Community Building on **Saturday, May 3rd from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** for a free event that will allow all ages to learn, have fun and feel empowered to improve their health. The fair will feature a supervised kid's fitness zone, health screenings including blood pressure checks, body mass indexes, pulmonary function tests and body fat analysis as well as a wide range of organizations dedicated to a healthy Dallas County. The Dallas County EMS will be on hand from 10:30 a.m. to noon to give tours of an ambulance and the Perry Fire Department will have fire trucks on site as well. Prize drawings will be held throughout the day and the Perry Hy-Vee will be providing a free lunch from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Dallas County Hospital at 515-465-7516 or visit [www.dallascohospital.org](http://www.dallascohospital.org).

## Fox Run

The Perry Parks and Recreation Department will host the "Run Like a Fox" Run to benefit the Leon Fox First Generation Scholarship Fund. This fund provides scholarships for graduating seniors who will be the first in their family to attend college; as well as gear for the Perry Cross Country and Girls Track programs. Participants can register by visiting the McCreary Community Building. There will be a 5K run and a 2 mile fun run. The pre-registration cost for adults is \$12.00 before April 26 and **\$15.00** after that date, through the day of the race. For children 13 and under, the pre-registration cost is \$5.00 with no deadline. Race fees are tax deductible. Registration forms and checks should be made out to City of Perry, MCB and can be mailed to: Run Like A Fox Perry Parks & Recreation, 1800 Pattee Street, Perry, IA 50220. **Schedule: Register: 7 AM; Run begins: 8 AM; Pancake Breakfast: 9 AM.** Call 465-5621 for more information.

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## Conference to Make your Worksite Tobacco-Free

On Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., the American Lung Association, Central Iowa Tobacco-free Partnership, Dallas County Hospital, and Madison County Health Care System will be hosting a "Making Your Worksite Tobacco-free" conference for all Dallas and Madison County businesses. This FREE conference will be taking place in the Community Room at the Dallas County Hospital in Perry. The conference will show businesses the benefits of going tobacco-free, how to implement a tobacco-free policy, assistance available for tobacco-users, and policy enforcement. There will also be a question and answer panel with other worksites that have gone tobacco-free or who are in the process of going tobacco-free. Attendees will receive a FREE worksite toolkit and a FREE lunch. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by **May 5, 2008** to [registration@lungia.org](mailto:registration@lungia.org). If you have any questions, contact Kari Swenson at (515) 783-8593.

Dallas County Hospital provides some services free or at a reduced charge to uninsured or underinsured individuals who cannot afford to pay for medical care. This financial assistance program ensures that all individuals are able to receive medically necessary care regardless of their ability to pay. A financial counselor is available to discuss payment alternatives that may be available and qualification for many assistance programs. Our financial counselor would be happy to meet with you and your employees to discuss payment options and plans for those that do not carry or have high-deductible insurance. Please call 515-465-7599 for more information or to request a brochure and application.

## PERRY FINE ARTS *Presents:*

"STEVE PARNELL--IN CONCERT" on Sunday, May 4, 2008. His music ranges from traditional worship themes to upbeat melodies through the eras and plays both acoustic and electric guitar, and composes 'Music for the Soul.' The performance starts at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

For further information, call 515-465-3133.

## Chamber Coffee:

On Thursday, May 22nd, Heaven's Best Cleaning will host a Chamber Coffee at the Perry Public Library 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 invited to attend.

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

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We welcome **Kris McDermott, Mary Kay Consultant** from Jamaica, to the chamber membership. She offers quality cosmetics & skin care products at great prices. Contact Kris at 641-429-3285 or [www.marykay.com/kris.mcdermott](http://www.marykay.com/kris.mcdermott).

## April Customer Service Award Winner:

### Allen Zheng, Metro Buffet

The Perry Chamber of Commerce recently awarded Allen Zheng, at Metro Buffet, with the April Customer Service Award. They were nominated by Ann P. Repp. In her nomination, she stated:

*"For months on end, several times a week, a group of us goes to the Metro Buffet for lunch or supper. The same thing always happens...the owner meets us at the door with a big smile, and the waiter or waitress brings our favorite drink as well as sitting us at our favorite table without being told a thing. The food is always wonderful and we're consistently glad we ate there! Thank you for your GREAT service!"*

Zheng 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,

## Chamber News

The Chamber of Commerce welcomes the **Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center** at 1111 2nd Street as our newest member. They will host an **Open House & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, May 7th at 11:00 a.m.**

The Center is a non-profit organization providing services to victims of dating violence, sexual or domestic abuse, stalking and homelessness. They also assist through their crisis line, counseling, youth organization that provides prevention and education as well as emergency housing for those in need. For more information, call 515-339-4095 or email: [johna@ciac91.org](mailto:johna@ciac91.org) or [jerilyn@ciac91.org](mailto:jerilyn@ciac91.org).

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**Wilson Law Firm**, formerly known as Waller & Hughes Law Firm, has moved to 1324 2nd Street. Jennie Wilson will host a Grand Re-opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, May 9th at 2:00 pm. Please help the chamber congratulate Jennie on her new endeavor and we wish her the best! For information, call 515-465-8800.

Orscheln Farm & Home  
Pamida  
Panaderia Mexico  
Partners in Family Dev.  
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  
Quick Oil Company  
Raccoon Valley Bank  
Rainbow Int'l & Restoration  
Rardin Chiropractic  
Re-Max Pros on Main  
Reverse Night Club  
Rockin' Horse  
Rowles, Hayes & Carney  
Rowley Masonic Comm.  
S & L Water  
Select Office Systems  
St. Patrick's School  
Shirley, Powell & Finneseth  
Showtime Studio  
Snap Fitness  
Spring Valley Radio  
Spring Valley Retirement  
Stitches in Time  
Stokely Lumber  
Subway  
SunAm Development, LC

The Ink Spot  
The Pooch Parlor  
Travel Simplified  
21st Century Rehab  
Tyson Fresh Meats  
UI Family Care  
Van Wall Equipment  
Veterinary Medical Assoc.  
Village Bargain Shoppe  
Wells Fargo Bank  
Whiton Feed & Milling  
Wiese Industries  
Wilson Law Firm  
Willis, Sackett & Dalen  
Yellow Book USA

## Kids Night at Pizza Hut!

**Kids 10 & under eat  
FREE on Tuesdays with  
every adult buffet  
purchased. Party  
bags provided.**

### May Activities

- 6 Mexican Night**
- 13 Hawaiian Night**
- 20 Coloring Contest**
- 27 Carnival Night**

√ **Check out their fund-  
raiser opportunities &  
their lunch buffets!**

**515-465-5666**

**[www.pizzahut.com](http://www.pizzahut.com)**

### Note CHANGE:

As of May 2008, the Perry Chamber of Commerce will send the newsletter via email, unless a business does not have an established email, it'll will be mailed... Adobe Acrobat reader is needed to open the newsletters. (A link will be provided to download the program.)

## WANTED...Members to help plan the 45th Chamber Golf Outing

The Perry Chamber of Commerce would like to recruit individuals from our membership, to assist with the planning of our annual Golf Outing that will take place Monday, June 9th at the Perry Golf & Country Club. With the summer months so FULL of activities, it is very easy to get stuck doing the same thing each year...so with your help and input we can produce an outstanding event that no one will want to miss! We need a planning committee to help with

sponsorships, (4)hole-in-one sponsorships, prize donations, figure flight winners & prizes, speaker, meal plan, and the day's schedule. For those who are interested, we will meet at the Perry Golf & C.C. on **Monday, May 5th @ 12:45 PM.**

We can ALL make a difference in some aspect, so take the time to volunteer. For more information, contact the Chamber office at 465-4601 or [perychmbr@aol.com](mailto:perychmbr@aol.com).

### Best Wishes to Brian & Sean...

With The Highland Elk Coffee House & Bistro closing, the heart of downtown may beat to a slower drum until we hear good news in the future. It was a place where people met, came for luncheon meetings, or just to gather within the community while getting your daily fix of caffeine! We thank Sean & Brian for the renovation of this beautiful historical building through the assistance of the "Nudgers" and their dedication the past five years. They will all be missed and the Chamber encourages everyone to stay hopeful that it will someday be open again when the economy changes as all things do CHANGE! Take Care & God Bless to you both.

*This is a great reminder to support our local merchants & businesses...we WANT them to continue to thrive in our community and remain here for a very long time. It takes all of us to SHOP Perry First! Think of the gas, rising cost of groceries, and the time it saves YOU!*

~ Perry Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

## 2008 VIOLET HILL CEMETERY WALK

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Starts at 6:00 p.m.

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Saturday, May 31, 2008

Starts at 1:00 p.m.

1700 Park Street, Perry, Iowa



Perry Historic Preservation Commission & Violet Hill Memory Lane Association will host a guided walking tour in Perry's Violet Hill Cemetery. Participants will visit the graves of several of Perry's well-known residents, study examples of gravestones and burial symbols. Information on gravestone restoration will also be presented.

Cost: \$5.00 per person. The tour, over uneven terrain, will last approximately 90 minutes. Shuttle will be provided if needed.

Special Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday

~For information or advance tickets call (515) 465-2481 (Jeanette) Or (515) 465-2755 (Richie)

*Special Thanks to Living History Farms in Urbandale, Iowa*



