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Perry schools in 'constant sadness' after 3 fatal car crashes in a month

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A little more than a month after two students were killed in a car crash, the Perry Community School District and the community were rocked by the death of a high school teacher.

"I think there's a cumulative effect of that, particularly among staff," said Perry High School principal Dan Marburger. "We have to get out of this trend, it's almost constant sadness."

A March 9 crash near Perry killed 13- and 15-year-olds Walter and Daisy Gavidia and left 17-year-old older sister Edlyn Gavidia in critical condition. The three Jamaica teens were all Perry students. Chad Morman, a 39-year-old industrial technology teacher from Perry,



Morman

was killed during a crash in the early morning hours on April 23. A separate single-vehicle crash on April 20 killed Kurtis Gustaveson, 29, of Perry.

"I don't remember a time in the last 20 years where we've had so many separate fatality accidents in the same time frame," said Dallas County sheriff Adam Infante. "We've had several where multiple people died in the same accident, but that's different. These are all separate accidents, and they seem, unfortunately, to be in and or near Perry. That community is really suffering right now."

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A mix of current and past students painted a rock in memory of their teacher. PERRY HIGH SCHOOL



Avilon mechanical support engineer Brian Lapcewich, right, and Steve Thompson, North American general manager for Avilon, stand atop a GE wind turbine for MidAmerican Energy on May 18, 2011, near Blairsburg. RODNEY WHITE/THE REGISTER

Wind & solar

MidAmerican gets OK to invest \$3.9 billion in WindPrime

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State regulators approved MidAmerican Energy's proposal to spend \$3.9 billion to build more capacity to generate wind and solar energy, as well as explore emerging technology around battery storage, carbon capture and small modular nuclear reactors.

But they added conditions that environmentalists say better protect consumers and require more analysis on the utility's clean-energy transition.

MidAmerican, the power company owned by Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway, says it can build nearly 2,100 megawatts of wind and solar energy generation at "no net cost to consumers." That's due in part to last year's Inflation Reduction Act, which earmarked \$369 billion in tax credits and other support for renewable energy generation that cuts greenhouse gas emissions.

The Iowa Utilities Board approved MidAmerican's plan Thursday but

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Perry Elementary, St. Pat's students plant trees to help celebrate Arbor Day



Perry Elementary fifth-graders help plant a tree on Friday, April 28, 2023, in Wiese Park to celebrate Arbor Day. The Perry Parks and Recreation Department led the planting of the tree, which was donated by Perry Hy-Vee.



St. Pat's kindergartners watch as John Anderson, director of the Perry Parks and Recreation Department, gets ready to plant a tree on Friday, April 28, 2023, in Wiese Park. PHOTOS BY ALLISON ULLMANN/THE PERRY CHIEF



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