

AROUND THE COUNTY

May the 4th Be with You Kid's Party

4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 4 at Perry Public Library Community Room.

May the 4th be with you as we celebrate all things Star Wars! Visit different stations from 4-6 p.m. in the Library Community Room. Stations include making pool noodle lightsabers and Baby Yoda origami and games like Pin the Bun on Princess Leia, "Blow Up" the Death Star and Use the Force. Miss Laura will also read some of her favorite Star Wars books at 4:30 p.m. and at 5:15 p.m. This is a free event for kids and no registration is required. For questions, call the library or Youth Services Librarian Laura Pieper at (515) 465-3569 or e-mail lpieper@perry.lib.ia.us.

How Education Has Changed Panel Discussion

6-7 p.m. Thursday, May 4 at Carnegie Library Museum.

As we look back through the Perry High School yearbooks, it's easy to see the differences between how students, their hairstyles, their clothes and the school have changed over the years. It's not as easy to flip through yearbooks and understand how education in Perry has changed. Join Perry Educators for a panel discussion on Thursday, May 4. The discussion panel will include: Dr. Ryan Marzen, current Principal of Perry Elementary School; Trista Cohea, current Perry High School Teacher; Pat Mundy, retired Perry Teacher with a tenure spanning many decades; and Becky Reuter, a long-time teacher at Perry Elementary school who recently retired from teaching. They will share their experience and expertise as school personnel who have lived through it all. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Carnegie Library Museum at 515-465-7713 or visit www.perry.lib.ia.us.

Parking Lot Fundraiser

12-7 p.m. Friday, May 5 at Perry Hy-Vee.

A parking lot fundraiser benefiting the family of Chad Morman will be held from 12-7 p.m. on Friday, May 5 at Perry Hy-Vee. The Hy-Vee Grill & Smoker will be open, along with Totally Rolled Ice Cream truck. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the family of Chad Morman.

Bouton Breakfast

7-10 a.m. Saturday, May 6 at Bouton Community Center.

The last spring breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 6 at the Bouton Community Center. The menu will include all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, ham, eggs, biscuits and gravy, hash browns, toast, coffee, milk and orange juice. Bake sale items will also be available. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12, under five are free. Save the date for future breakfasts on Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2.

Spring Green-up River Paddle

8-11 a.m. Saturday, May 6 at TBD, depending on local river conditions.

As the cool, damp spring season transitions into the longer hotter days of summer, the natural world goes through many transitions. Join DCCB naturalists for a paddle along a stretch of one of the county's water trails to take in the beauty and wonder offered by spring on the river. We will make occasional stops along the route to discuss and explore what we're seeing. Attendees must provide their own boats, paddles and life jackets. Boats, paddles and jackets may be reserved and rented from Raccoon River Retreats near the Redfield Dam. Registration is required through the DCCB Eventbrite page.

Plant Sale

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6 at Dallas County Fairgrounds.

The Dallas County Master Gardeners plant sale will return on Saturday, May 6. All proceeds will benefit the Dallas County Master Gardeners' demonstration garden. The event is open to the public. Items for sale will include perennials, annuals, vegetables, house plants, succulents, horticulture books, pre-potted arranged plants, plant containers, denim garden apron and garden art.

Waukee Household Hazardous Waste, Appliance and Tire Drop-Off Day

Saturday, May 6 in Waukee.

Hazardous waste items can be taken to Vince Meyer Learning Center at 445 5th St. for free disposal. This includes items such as acid, rechargeable batteries, oil, antifreeze, lawn fertilizer, pesticides, pool chemicals and oil-based paints or aerosols. Latex paint will not be accepted. Cans of dried out latex paint can be placed in garbage bins with the regular trash; non-dried cans of latex paint can be taken to the Metro Waste Authority in Grimes for a fee. Sharps must be contained in detergent bottles or sharps containers (not milk jugs or soda pop bottles). Lids to sharps containers must be taped. Appliances and tires can be dropped at 1205 6th St. Appliances must be cleared of food, hazardous waste and garbage prior to drop-off. Up to five car tires may be dropped off free of charge. The drop-off fee for each additional car tire will be \$1 and semi-truck and tractor tire drop-offs will cost \$5 per tire. Rims will not be accepted. Find information on accepted and not-accepted items at Waukee.org/CleanUp. Residents in apartments, townhomes and Midwest Country Estates may have private garbage collection and are not eligible for curbside pick-up during Spring Clean-Up Week. Please refer to the property manager for guidance on disposing of large or bulky items.

Perry Prom Grand March

5 p.m. Saturday, March 6 on Railroad Street near Hotel Pattee.

Perry High School's prom is set for Saturday, May 6. The public is invited to the grand march, which will take place at 5 p.m. on Railroad Street near the Hotel Pattee and Perry Public Library. Bleachers will be available. The dinner will then be held at the Hotel Pattee, followed by the dance at La Poste and after-prom at Perry High School.

Daddy Daughter Dance

5-7 p.m. Saturday, May 6 at Granger Elementary, 2002 State St.

The Hawk Grapple Club will host a Daddy Daughter Dance on Saturday, May 6. The dance is a fundraiser to help support the Woodward-Granger High School wrestling team. The cost is \$30 for each couple and \$5 for each additional young lady. Register online at forms.gle/4HVp7v9du57a48SM8. The event will include a dance party with DJ Scott playing your favorites, a rose for the young ladies (pre-registration required), refreshments and snacks, games and prizes, huge balloon backdrop for all the selfies and professional photo with access to download hi res image. There is no age limit for the dance. Grandpas, uncles, big brother, small brother, cousin are all welcome. Come dressed in attire of your choice. Only 'theme' for the party is to dance and have fun!

Woodward Social Center Luncheon

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 8 at Woodward Social Center.

The Woodward Social Center will serve a luncheon on Monday, May 8. The menu will include hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw and dessert. A free-will offering will be taken to support the Woodward Social Center.

Free Community Supper

5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10 at Heartland Church of Christ, 14417 J Ave, Perry.

All are welcome to join us at Heartland Church of Christ for supper on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - no charge. Take a night off cooking and let us serve you!

Project Deliver the Love

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11 at Perry Lutheran Homes Eden Acres Campus, 1300 28th St., Perry.

This year, 150 volunteers are needed to bring sunshine, joy, and love to 450 older adults on Thursday, May 11 through "Project Deliver the LOVE." Volunteer shifts are 1.5 hours each so you can have time to chat for a bit to each basket recipient you deliver to. Basket assembly will take place at Perry Lutheran Homes Eden Acres Campus. Sign-up online at: <https://perry-lutheranhome.dm.networkforgood.com/.../2023...>

May Sip & Shop

4-7 p.m. Friday, May 12 at Perry busi-

nesses.

Enjoy an after hours shopping experience at Perry businesses from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, May 12. Shop spring and summer apparel, gifts, décor and more. Refreshments and in-store offerings vary per location. Learn more through the Perry Chamber's Facebook page.

Bike Rodeo

9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 13 at Adel City Hall parking lot, 301 S 10th St., Adel.

Children ages 5-12 are invited to bring their bicycles and helmets to participate in the 4th Annual Safety Bike Rodeo. This come-and-go event is free and offers interactive activities for children, free giveaways and a drawing for prizes. Bikes will be inspected and helmets checked for fit before children receive safety instruction and ride through the course. Children completing the safety course will receive a certificate of completion, bike safety information, a Rotary flyer and a bottle of water. Other activities will include tours of a police car and a fire engine and the opportunity to visit with an Adel Police Officer and Adel Firefighters.

Mother's Day Hike

10-11 a.m. Saturday, May 13 at Kuehn Conservation Area, 32828 Houston Trail, Earlham.

Celebrate the moms of nature! Join Naturalist Erica for a hike and show some love for Mother Nature herself. Register to be notified of weather cancellation through the DCCB Eventbrite page.

Fiber Festival of Perry

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at Hotel Pattee, Soumas Court, La Poste, Perry.

Get ready for Atelier at 1109's Fiber Festival of Perry and explore the fiber art world from start to finish. Visit the Hotel Pattee, Soumas Court and La Poste for a selection of local vendors that will have yarns, spinning wheels, drop spindles, woven and knit goods, fiber arts supplies and so much more for sale. View stunning quilts and learn from the talented members of the Perry Piecemakers Quilt Guild in the Spring Valley Ballroom. A spinning and crafting circle will be available, so attendees can bring their spinning wheel, drop spindle, WIP, or finished project to show off or work on. Classes and demonstrations will also be available all day. Atelier at 1109 artists have created a yarn bomb display located at 1109 2nd St. and Soumas Court in downtown Perry - PLUS view lightposts decorated in new handknit wrappings. For more information, contact Jenny or Ashley at (515)360-2010 or (515)782-5368, or email atelierat1109@gmail.com.

To submit events to be included in the *Around the County or Happenings in and around Perry round-ups*, email news@adelnews.com or news@theperrychief.com.

Crashes

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A show of support from Perry community, surrounding school districts

In the wake of those deaths, Perry schools and the crash victims' families have seen an outpouring of support from Perry and the surrounding communities. GoFundMe pages were started for the Fuentes-Gavidia and Morman families while a Meal Train was started for the Gustaveson and Morman families. A taco salad fundraiser at the Hotel Pattee raised more than \$12,000 for the Fuentes-Gavidia family while a fundraiser is planned for May 5 in the Perry Hy-Vee parking lot for the Morman family.

"You never want to have tragedy, but I'm proud of how everyone has rallied together," said Perry superintendent Clark Wicks. "From the Elks to the fire department to the police department, to the city. Everyone is coming together and we're all Bluejays and Jayettes. That's been a positive thing to try and take out of a very tragic and negative thing."

Marburger said community members and organizations also have provided food for school staff.

"Our community has been unbelievable to our staff up here," he added. "They're very, very thoughtful and we're very thankful for that."

Surrounding school districts also have reached out, Marburger said, including Waukee, Adel, North Polk and

dozens of others. The Nevada boys soccer team presented flowers to the Perry team before the start of last week's home soccer game.

"Public schools are really good about talking to each other and helping each other out," Marburger said. "All of them offered to send counselors our way and we've done the same before to send counselors their way anytime something like that happens. They're really good at supporting each other."

Perry students, staff remember Chad Morman

The atmosphere at the school has been a subdued one, Marburger said, as students and staff reacted to the news of Morman's death.

"It's really different how a death affects students and staff members," he said. "For example, we had one young man that Chad had given a ride over to the building trades work site. It was just probably a four or five minute conversation he had with Mr. Morman but it affected him pretty heavily."

As for Marburger, he noticed an empty seat during a recent professional development. "And it struck me right there, there's no one sitting in that seat where Chad normally is," he said.

Morman was a former Perry High School student and was in his fifth year of teaching in Perry. Wicks said Morman was involved not just in the classroom but also helped with concession stands, SkillsUSA and built homes.

Morman started the building trades program at the school where students built homes in the community. The Perry School Board approved the program



Chad Morman, Perry High School industrial tech instructor, stands inside of the spec home being built by his building trades students on Otley Avenue in 2021.

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in the spring of 2019 and four homes have been completed.

Marburger said the building trades program wouldn't have been possible without Morman.

"He had the knowledge he brought with him from his previous school. He generated excitement and had the connections in our own community that he could bring in, contractors and people to show our kids how to do that," he added. "That's going to be really, really tough to replace."

Morman also volunteered in the community, served overseas in the National Guard and was a husband and father to three young children.

"It's the little things. I went down and on his desk is a mug that he drinks coffee out of, that says 'Husband, Dad, Veteran,'" Marburger said. "Those were just things that he was very, very proud of and I'll remember about him."

"He was a good guy to work with, good for students and has a great legacy," Wicks added. "We're going to miss him, that is for sure."

The Register's Noelle Alviz-Gransee contributed to this story.

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