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The latest news and information from Perry Local School District is now available on smartphones and mobile devices with a new mobile communications app launched recently. Perry is expanding its communications outreach with a mobile app that is now available in the online App Store and Google Play for free.

The mobile app offers a constantly updated feed of district news and events with photos and links to the district's website. The app can also be customized by the user by selecting



the schools they are most interested in for news and updates. Users can choose to receive push notifications to get breaking news and updates about school closures, calendar changes, or even sports updates.

"We know that students are more successful in school

when parents are engaged in their learning and school activities," said Dr. Jack Thompson, Perry Schools' superintendent. "With our new mobile app, parents and community members can stay connected with our schools like never before, and with the activities our students are engaged in everyday."

Parents and the public are encouraged to download this free mobile app to their smartphones from the App Store or Google Play, by searching "Perry Local School District".

## PREPARING FOR A FUTURE OF SUCCESS

by Amy Harker, Director of Student Services, College and Career Readiness

"Every student will leave with hope," is the resounding vision of Perry Schools. As we work to personalize student learning and to prepare our students for a future of success, we are providing experiences to help students understand what choices and options are available to them in their future. Our students in grades five through twelve are participating in a career-mentoring program that allows for career exploration in various capacities. At the middle school, lessons are focused on four areas of support and discovery: Social Emotional Learning, Career Mentoring and Advisory, Embedded



Life Competency Skills into Instruction and Authentic real-world experiences. Having these four areas of focus addresses the needs of the whole middle school student as they begin to ask themselves, "What do I want to be when I grow

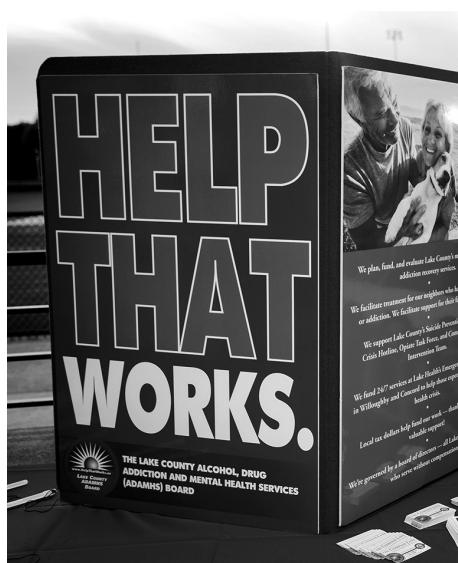
up?" Students are receiving lessons throughout their middle school journey to help them narrow their focus to a pathway of interest. At the high school, students are taking a deeper dive into understanding the following

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## PHS FOOTBALL GAME SPOTLIGHTS MENTAL ILLNESS

A recent Friday night football game between Perry and Harvey High Schools featured a unique twist. NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) Lake County partnered with the two schools to raise awareness about mental illness through an initiative called Bringing Mental Illness out of the Shadows.

The game took place at Perry High School's Alumni Stadium in Perry. Fans at the game noticed significantly more green hues than they're used to seeing. That's because the initiative borrowed from Chicago Bears player Brandon Marshall, who wore green shoes during a 2013 game to bring attention to Mental Illness Awareness Week. Thus, both teams exchanged their normal uniforms in favor of green-themed garb – Perry Pirates players sported green socks and shirts with white numbers, Harvey Red Raiders players wore green socks, and white shirts with green numbers, and Cheerleaders from both sides used green and white pom-poms. Fans were given green wrist band awareness bracelets,



imprinted with the NAMI slogan, *Hope Starts with You*, and green glow-sticks as they entered. Green is used globally to make a statement of support for Mental Health Awareness.

NAMI Lake County Executive Director Carole Jazbec said her organization was very excited about the event. "Raising awareness and reducing stigma are very high on our priority list," she explained. "In the United States, someone dies by suicide every 12 minutes. Individuals living with mental illness are increasingly housed in jails and prisons rather than receiving proper care in hospitals or in the community. If we can make it easier to talk about mental illness, it paves the way for more people to reach out for help."

Perry Schools Superintendent Jack Thompson was an enthusiastic supporter of the event. "We're very proud of our

school system's commitment to help and support students struggling with mental illness and to make resources more readily available to them," he explained. "When NAMI approached us about this idea, we were on board with it immediately. It was a fun way to draw some much needed attention to an important issue."

NAMI Lake County is a provider in the Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board network. The ADAMHS Board plans, funds, evaluates, and monitors services for Lake County residents dealing with mental illness and/or addiction disorders.

More information on the ADAMHS Board and available services is available at [www.HelpThatWorks.us](http://www.HelpThatWorks.us).



## PHS STEM TEAM CHALLENGED AT TEN80 EVENT

Perry High School STEM students participated recently in a *TEN80 Innovators in Training* event at Cleveland Public Auditorium. Ten80 Education is an organization that develops and publishes K-12 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) curriculum, trains educators in the art of STEM and organizes events that motivate students to engage and learn over time.

At the September event, also attended by students from 10 other schools, the Perry team was required to develop

a quick 30-second pitch for a new product, process or service that is novel as defined by the United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO).

The Perry team pitched an idea for a low cost inflatable spare tire that would be used with ATVs, snowmobiles, and other recreational vehicles in the event they rupture an existing tire. The spare would fold up and be able to be carried along with the vehicle.

The team recorded their pitch on video and is submitting it to the US Patent Office representative for consideration.



*Perry High School STEM students participating recently in a TEN80 Innovators in Training Event in Cleveland are, from left, Nathan Tetonis, Alicia Harris, Tia Gillespie, Dylan Bentley, Colton Bixel*



## DEVELOPING NEW EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS

—by Todd Porcello, PHS Principal

The economy our students face upon high school graduation has shifted over the past 50 years. In the year 1960, only 40% of jobs required formal training at the college level or a certification. Today, that number stands at 90%. It is vital that students have a skill to offer in today's economy. The importance of lifelong learning and continuing education is paramount to our students one day landing a career that provides for their needs.

Perry High School has shifted and developed new experiences for our students to gain awareness of self and how it connects to their future. Students should understand their strengths, passion and interests and how to match these with a potential career.



The second step is to understand what education path is required in addition to ensuring a student can be successful in his or her desired career.

New for the 2016-17 school year is an opportunity for students

to complete numerous lessons to take students through this process in our Career Mentoring program which is held twice a month. In addition, for the second school year we are running a Learning Through Internship course where students have the opportunity to complete an internship three days a week and spend the other two days in the classroom receiving support in their journey. Understanding one's future can be difficult and overwhelming. We hope to provide the process to start the discussion and learning to enable students to make the right decision about the next step after high school. To further support your son or daughter, please visit [www.perryhighpathways.org](http://www.perryhighpathways.org) to view the different resources available.

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questions: What are my strengths and interests? What do I want to be? How do I get there? Will I be successful once I get there? With over 112 career exploration lessons, various interest inventories, and career assessments presented throughout a student's school experience, answers to those questions will be refined so that every student can leave Perry Schools with hope for their future. Programs such as PerryWorks, Learning through Internships, Perry Service Learning, Entrepreneurship, and Career Search (to name a few) provide those authentic experiences that will help students select a pathway for their future career.

An event hosted by Perry Schools on October 6th, demonstrates how we are building hope for our students' futures. Over 460 students from all over Lake County were presented options about careers in manufacturing at the 2016 Think Manufacturing Expo, organized by Alliance for Working Together (AWT), the three Lake County Chambers of Commerce, as well as Perry Schools. Over 28 manufacturers attended the Expo to help students understand the many entry points of a career in industry. Whether it is to attend college for four years and become an engineer, attend a technical school to build skills in running



specific machines, or to land a job in industry following high school, those choices were discussed by a panel of local manufacturers to help students understand what it takes to have a career in manufacturing. Students learned that pursuing a career in manufacturing is a viable way of securing a high-paying job that can lead to career fulfillment. They also learned that today's industry requires problem-solving, out-of-the-box thinking, and a sense of creative design. With many of these manufacturers offering tuition reimbursement for post-graduate degrees, the students became very interested as to the cost savings they could realize in their futures as well as what it means to work in a manufacturing environment.



## PERRY'S GIVING GARDEN YIELDS MORE THAN PRODUCE

Each season, Perry students turn this charitable venture into a valuable learning experience.

Perry High School's Giving Garden has been a labor of love for the many volunteers who make each year's harvest a success. Perry Service Learning students once again spearheaded the annual fall harvest, which included an assortment of potatoes, cabbage, carrots, green beans, and sweet potatoes. PSL students and other high school volunteers, also worked with third grade classes as they learned about the garden and harvested the produce for the Perry Center to distribute to needy community members. This year's garden yielded nearly 500 pounds of produce.

The third graders learned all about the life cycle of plants as they navigated the courtyard garden, from the compost pile, through the flower beds, to the final harvest of the season, digging up the sweet potatoes. Once again, what might have been a routine classroom lesson, turned into an afternoon of fun. Learn more about the many Perry Service Learning projects at: <http://perryservicelearning.weebly.com>.



### **Perry Women's League Clothing Room 4261 Manchester Road, Perry**

Now in its 17th year, the Perry Women's League (PWL) Clothing Room is an ongoing community service project that discreetly provides free clothing and shoes to those who are experiencing financial hardship and are:

- Residents of Perry
- Alumni of Perry Schools
- Attend any Perry school or daycare
  - Members of a church in Perry
  - Employed by a Perry business

**THIS YEAR WE HAVE SERVED APPROXIMATELY 800 PEOPLE!**

Clothing donations can be made during open hours listed below. We ask that clothes be clean, gently worn or new and season appropriate. We also accept shoes as well as new packages of socks and undergarments.

Clothing Room is open on the second Friday of EACH month 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

More information is available at [www.perrywomensleague.org](http://www.perrywomensleague.org).



## CONGRATULATIONS ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Col. David M. Cassella  
Class of 1990  
Distinguished Alumni  
Hall of Fame



Bob Berta  
Class of 1965  
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April Petrus Lombardo  
Class of 1995  
Athletic Hall of Fame



Sharon Monas  
Coach 1979-2014  
Athletic Hall of Fame



Matt Yankie  
Class of 2002  
Athletic Hall of Fame



*The Perry High School 2001 Girls Cross Country Team*

*Back Row (Left to Right): Coach Rob Renau, Skye (Pirc) Best, Kelly Chandler, Andrea (Fickenschner) Pagel, Johanna (Fickenschner) Blanchard, Rachel (Giannell) Morse, Lindsay (Simko) Yankie, Andrea (Traina) Hamilton, Coach Bill Sarvis. Front Row (left to right): Jessie (Hannington) Palmer, Nicole (Vaccariello) Smith, Jenny Stark. (Not pictured are: Gracie Brainard, Michelle Sprague, Lauren Vaccariello, Vicky Vargo)*

## HOMECOMING 2016



*Members of the 2016 Perry Homecoming Court are (from left) Hannah Dahneke, Kaitlyn Raddatz, Nina Butsko, Ellie Frazier, Queen Nina Sorine, Grace McGarry, Anna Sorine, Anna Niedzwiecki, Josie Stewart, Grace Pulling.*



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*Our children benefit when parents, school staff, students and the community work together. PTA can help bring these groups together to share thoughts and ideas about programs and activities that benefit our children and school community. Find out more at: [www.pta4perry.weebly.com](http://www.pta4perry.weebly.com).*

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## **PERRY AREA JOINT RECREATION**

### ***YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS***

#### **2016 Fall Sports Programs:**

Thank you, thank you, thank you to those community members / parents who have volunteered their time to provide a positive environment for so many of our youth sport participants this fall!!! Your contribution to the culture of our community youth sports programs invaluable. We would be unable to provide programming without your help and support, and it is appreciated:

2016 Soccer Program: Paul Algier, John Andrikanich, Tim Bates, Todd Porcello, Anthony Grosser, Josh Nichols, Duston McGroarty, Wendy Ashton, Scott Peters, Ryan Pfeister, Doug Phinick, John Erickson, Amanda Erickson, Annick D. Siegel, Candy Tannish, Tim Bates, Sarah Wolanin

2016 Fall Volleyball Program: Tammy Arcaro, Mike Arcaro, Alley Acarao, Mark D'Astolfo, Vikki Smith-Kifus, Teresa Joslin, Tara Lynch, Jessica Schultz, Carolyn Forro, Julie Lefelhoc, Julie Makad, Matt Rosati, Desiree Powell, Deonte Powell, Jodi Hicks

We would also like to thank the following PHS & PMS Students for their volunteer efforts in our "Bump-Set-Spike" Youth Volleyball Program: Olivia Moon, Olivia Mayse, Maggie Lynch, Claire Scales, Morgan Scales, Alexis Vitale

#### **Upcoming Programs:**

##### **FALL REC DAY**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 23rd

**WHERE:** Manchester West Building

**Day Camp with Perry Rec!**

Participants will be engaged throughout the day in a variety of activities from arts & crafts, science experiments, to fun games in the gym. The kids will be engaged all day!

##### **LITTLE DRIBBLERS – BASKETBALL**

**(Boys and Girls in PreK/Kindergarten)**

Registration to open in December; Program to run February/March 2017

Visit [www.perryrec.com](http://www.perryrec.com) to register for these and other upcoming programs.

Check us out on Facebook!

#### **2016 Fall Festival Recap:**

We would like to thank all of you that so generously supported our 12th Annual Perry Fall Festival through your sponsorship and donations. We hope that everyone was able to get out and enjoy the community festival!

##### **Corporate Sponsors:**

Davis Development, Pollutro Rossley Insurance, Xpress Printing, Universal Disposal, Lake Health, Lubrizol, D.B. Bentley Excavating Inc., Loreto Development, CT Consultants, French Chiropractic, PupCuts, E. Drake, Amos Insurance, South Shore Controls Inc., CS Packaging, Lake National Bank, Lee's Machinery, JBI Painting, Beach Excavating, Shannon Fence, Forever Green Nursery, Mattingly Bros. Inc

We would also like to thank all of those members of our 2016 planning committee:

Vicki Stevens, Charlie Mace, Kathy Smith, Maureen Callahan, Christine Znidarsic, Rosie Ziamba, Michele Woltman, Phil Cassella, Bob Knisely, David Sarosy



## PERRY HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS 'THE NERD'



"The Nerd"  
PHS Goodwin Theatre

Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 pm  
Friday, December 9th at 7:00 pm  
Saturday, December 10th at 2:00 pm

Tickets available at the door:

Adults - \$8.00  
Seniors and students - \$6.00

Checks are to be made payable to  
Perry High School.

*Set in Terre Haute, Indiana in late 1979, The Nerd centers on the hilarious dilemma of a young architect who is visited by Rick Steadman, a fellow ex-GI, whom he has never met, but who saved his life after he was seriously wounded in Vietnam. Willum is delighted when Rick shows up unexpectedly at his apartment on the night of his thirty-fourth birthday party. However, Rick's awkward manner and inappropriate behavior throw the occasion into shambles. It turns out that Rick is a stupid nerd who overstates his welcome with a vengeance!*

## SENIORS HELPING SENIORS

The Seniors Helping Seniors (SHS) program was founded in 2007 by two PSL students who wanted to connect high school seniors with senior citizens in the Perry area in need of support and friendship.

Traveling in pairs, students in the SHS program visit the homes of Perry area senior citizens who have applied for assistance. Student volunteers attempt to improve the living conditions of elderly residents

by assisting them with everyday maintenance and common repairs like painting, cleaning windows, removing/installing window screens, trash removal, general clean-up, etc. Students in the SHS program may also read mail to seniors who are visually impaired or run errands for seniors who are physically impaired (i.e. grocery store, recycling drop-off, etc.). Please note, that due to the limited numbers of volunteers we

are unable to perform yard work or snow removal at this time.

Above all, SHS volunteers are asked to provide companionship, a helping hand, and serve as reliable friends who check in with senior citizens on a regular basis.

If you or someone you know is interested in participating in the Seniors Helping Seniors program, please email us at [seniorshelpingseniors@gmail.com](mailto:seniorshelpingseniors@gmail.com).

## INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES HELP REFINE STUDENT'S PATHWAY



Internships are available for high school students who enroll in the "Learning Through Internship" course (registration in February). Students are finding that the experiences in this course help answer questions about the career path they wish to explore. Following



some internship opportunities, students have been hired by the companies for which they have interned. Internship opportunities are available during the school year as well as during the summer.

If you have questions about internships or are a business that is interested in providing an internship opportunity, please contact Amy Harker at [harkera@perry-lake.org](mailto:harkera@perry-lake.org)



[perry-lake.org](http://perry-lake.org), or Rita Soeder at [soederr@perry-lake.org](mailto:soederr@perry-lake.org).

More information is also available at the Virtual Career Center link on the Perry website at <http://phsinternships.weebly.com>.

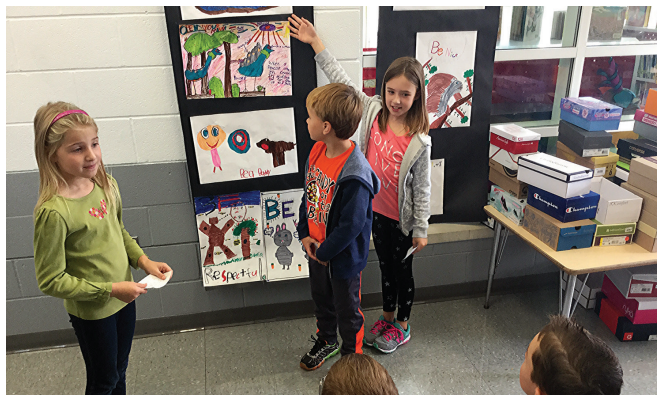


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- SPECIAL DISCOUNTS for Perry Community & Scholastic Events



## LEARNING TO BE A PROPER PEEP



Third grade students were recently assigned the task of designing a poster and a lesson to teach our new kindergarten students how to be a Perry PEEP. Their artwork was to demonstrate some lesson related to the behavior expectations of a "Peaceful Environment 4 Everyone at Perry". Students worked collaboratively to put together their messages and present their lessons to visiting kindergarten students. All students experienced an opportunity to develop communication skills in an authentic environment. Sharing in learning helps build a school of Proud Perry Pirates!

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