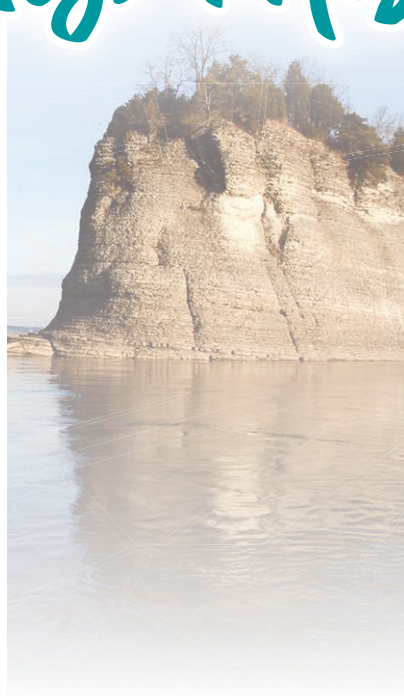


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Whether our visitors are seeking and celebrating their Saxon-German history, searching for unique personalized gifts or looking for something off the beaten path, Perry County offers a wide array of attractions.

Located in the heart of beautiful Southeast Missouri, our community and the surrounding region offer scenic views of the Mississippi River, a national forest, and abundant recreational opportunities uncommon for a community of our size, including multiple wineries, theater and plenty of activities for the outdoor enthusiast. Our rolling hills, and rich river bottoms serve as a backdrop to a lively mix of fine food, fun times, vibrant arts, rich history and a warm Midwest welcome.

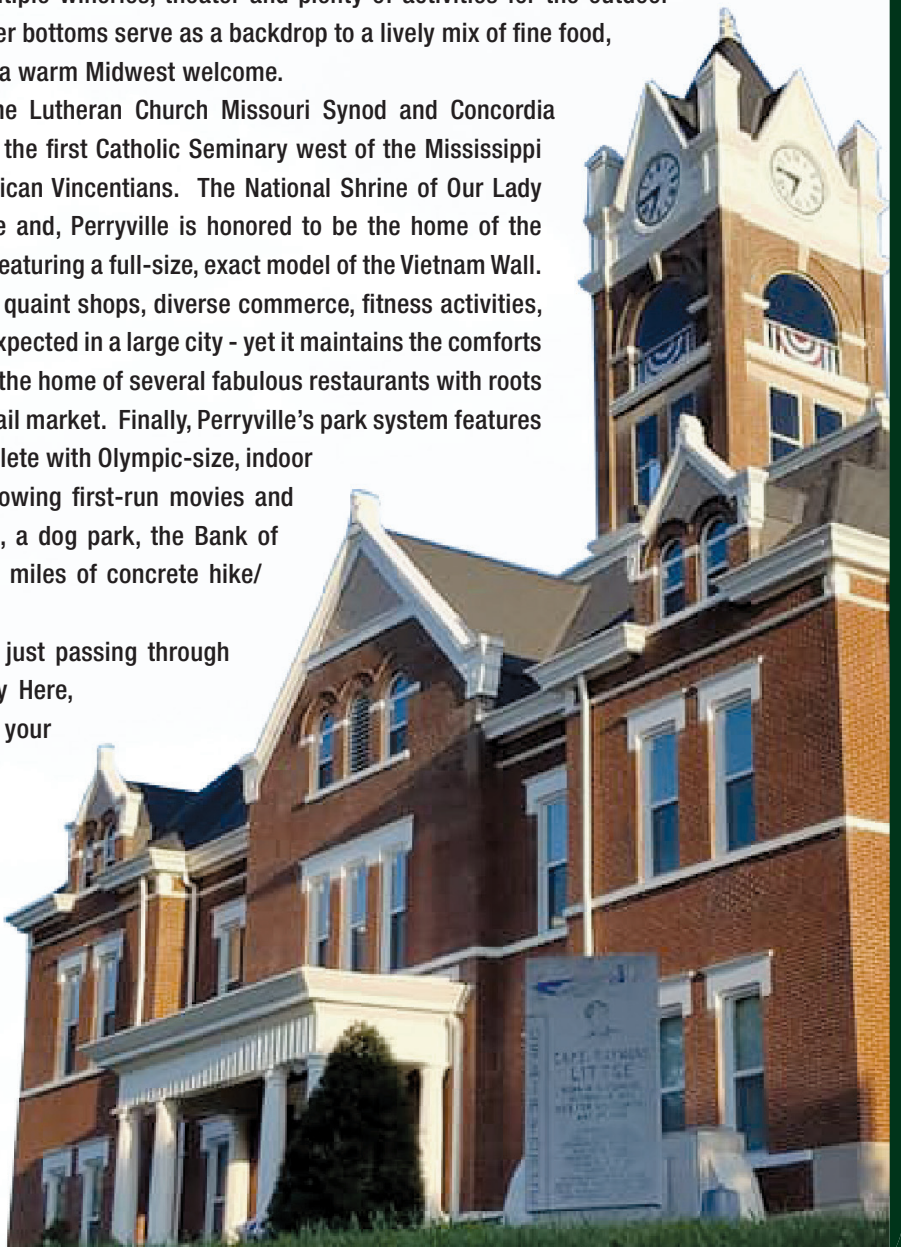
Perry County is the birthplace of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and Concordia University. Perryville is also the site of the first Catholic Seminary west of the Mississippi River and the historic seat of the American Vincentians. The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal is in Perryville and, Perryville is honored to be the home of the Missouri's National Veterans Memorial, featuring a full-size, exact model of the Vietnam Wall.

Perryville is a bustling community of quaint shops, diverse commerce, fitness activities, and many other luxuries that would be expected in a large city - yet it maintains the comforts and charm of a small town. We are also the home of several fabulous restaurants with roots that run deep and host to an eclectic retail market. Finally, Perryville's park system features a 105,000 square foot park center complete with Olympic-size, indoor swimming pool, a 417-seat theatre showing first-run movies and plays, 10-baseball fields, a splash pad, a dog park, the Bank of Missouri Soccer Complex and nearly 7 miles of concrete hike/bike trails.

Whether you are staying for a visit, just passing through or you've decided to Plant your Family Here, we know you'll feel at home and love your experience in Perry County.

  
**Mike Sauer, Presiding Commissioner**

  
**Larry Riney, Mayor**





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# In Today's Chaos...



...the shrine offers a chance to de-stress. If looking for a quiet place to visit with a significant link to Perry County's past, drop by the National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal.

"First, we're historic," said National Shrine president/CEO Don Fulford. "We were around 30 years before the Civil War. As a historical stop, people of all faiths come see us because we were the first institution of higher learning west of the Mississippi. This church was built to teach priests how to be priests. That was the whole purpose."

St. Mary's of the Barrens is a Roman Catholic Church and former seminary. It was where the American Vincentians came to settle.

Don had many points of connection to the past.

"It was a training church," Don says. "What makes it special is its historical value. Second, its educational value. Third - inspirational value. It is so ornate, so well kept. To have a 190-year-old church here in Perryville certainly draws attention."

What are the highlights of a trip to the National Shrine? Start at the church and go from there, Don says.

Visit the grotto, which was a quarry that provided rock to construct the church.

The grotto at the National Shrine was constructed by seminarians more than 100 years ago. Work began in 1917 and was completed in November 1920. The grotto was dedicated in a special ceremony Nov. 11, 1920 and the entire construction process is documented in an old seminary journal.

"What makes it special is it's tranquil, it's reflective, it's reverent," Don says. "It's quiet. It's a peaceful place. In today's chaos, your phone is always dinging, people are asking you (something), everyone's trying to get your attention. You come here and you can just de-stress for awhile. People come here just to get away."

No matter one's situation, it always provides an opportunity to relax, pray and reflect, according to Don. A must is a stop on the rosary walk.

"There are a lot of people from Perry County that have never stepped foot in this church," Don said. "It's fascinating to me."

Located at 1805 West St. Joseph Street, folks who haven't been there in several years may be surprised by the updates.

## BRIDGES AT THE GROTTO

TWO PATHS, ONE TO THE GROTTO AND ONE CONTINUING THE ROSARY WALK, REQUIRE TWO BRIDGES. THE BEAUTIFUL STONE WORK, HIGHLIGHTED BY A CRUCIFIX ON EACH SIDE, ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY AND CONNECTS US WITH OUR BLESSED MOTHER AND HER ROSARY. A PAUSE AT THE CREST OF EACH BRIDGE CAN PROVIDE YOU NEEDED REST OR REFLECTION AS YOU ADMIRE THE PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE SHRINE.





# THINGS... To do

## ENTERTAINMENT—MOVIE & PERFORMING ARTS THEATER

Perry Park Center  
800 City Park Dr.  
Perryville, MO 63775  
(573) 547-7225  
[www.cityofperryville.com/265/Parks-Recreation](http://www.cityofperryville.com/265/Parks-Recreation)  
Facility Hours:  
Mon. - Thurs. 5 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Fri. 5 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Sat. 7 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Sun. 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Theater (Movie) Hours:  
Mon. - Fri. 7:00 p.m.  
Sat. 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
Sun. 2:00 p.m.  
Wed. 2:00 p.m. Matinee (summer only)

## MUSEUMS & MEMORIALS

American Tractor Museum  
508 N. Main St.  
Perryville, MO 63775  
(573) 547-1097  
Hours:  
Weekdays 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Catholic Heritage Center & Museum  
138 Saint Joseph Lane  
Perryville, MO 63775  
(573) 788-2730  
Hours: By Appointment  
Admission Free

Faherty House  
11 S. Spring St.  
Perryville, MO 63775  
(573) 768-2470  
Hours: By Appointment  
Admission Free

Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum  
75 Church St.  
Altenburg, MO 63732  
(573) 824-6070  
[lutheranmuseum.com](http://lutheranmuseum.com)  
Hours:  
Daily 10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Admission Free

Missouri's National Veteran's Memorial  
1172 Veterans Memorial Parkway  
Perryville, MO 63775  
(573) 547-2035  
[www.mnvmfund.org](http://www.mnvmfund.org)  
Hours:  
Wall & outdoor areas open day/  
night year round  
Welcome Center -  
Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
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Perry County Military History Museum  
108 S. Progress Dr.  
Perryville, MO 63775  
(573) 517-2463  
Hours:  
Tues., Thurs. 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
Wed. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
(mid-August - Summer)  
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Perry County Museum  
(At City Park)  
601 Freedom Park Dr.  
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(573) 547-6383  
[www.cityofperryville.com/295/Perry-County-Museum](http://www.cityofperryville.com/295/Perry-County-Museum)  
Hours:  
Tuesday & Thursday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Call for Appointment (If Needed)  
Admission Free

Saxony Lutheran Memorial  
296 Saxon Memorial Dr.  
Frohna, MO 63748  
(573) 824-5404  
[concordiahistoricalinstitute.org](http://concordiahistoricalinstitute.org)  
Hours: Always Open

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal  
1811 W. Saint Joseph St.  
Perryville, MO 63775  
(573) 547-8343  
Hours: Open Daily M - F  
Call for guided tours.  
[www.amm.org](http://www.amm.org)

## ATTRACTIONS

Barn Quilt Trail (Self guided tour)  
For more information:  
Perry County Tourism  
2 W. Sainte Marie St.  
Perryville, MO 63775  
(573) 547-6062  
[www.visitperrycounty.com](http://www.visitperrycounty.com)

## RECREATION INDOOR SWIMMING, GYM, BASKETBALL COURT ETC.

Perry Park Center  
800 City Park Dr.  
Perryville, MO 63775  
(573) 547-7225  
[www.cityofperryville.com](http://www.cityofperryville.com)  
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Splash Pad  
107 S. French Lane  
Perryville, MO 63775  
(573) 547-7225  
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Bowling  
K of C Bowling Center  
304 W. South St.  
Perryville, MO 63775  
(573) 547-2519  
Hours: Opens 4 p.m.

Gaming  
The Gaming Center  
18 N. Jackson St.  
Perryville, MO 63775  
(573) 547-6260  
Hours:  
Sun. 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Mon. - Closed  
Tues. - Thurs. 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fri. 12 p.m. - 12 a.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m. - 12 a.m.

Fishing  
Legion Lake  
892 Veterans Dr.  
Perryville, MO 63775

Perry County Community Lake  
Perry County Road 700  
Perryville, MO 63775

Golfing  
Perryville Country Club  
1111 Big Springs Blvd.  
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Tee Road Sports  
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Perryville, MO 63775  
(314) 378-8550  
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(Summer Hours)

# There is an exact replica in Perry County...



...it is home to is Missouri's National Veterans Memorial "the wall."

Executive director Nancy Guth says the centerpiece of the MNVM site is a full-scale, exact replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

"It's something that people inside and outside of the community can come to and pay homage to those who paid the ultimate price for this country," Nancy says.

One of the driving forces behind developing the ambitious project was Perryville resident and Vietnam veteran Jim Eddleman, who donated 47 acres of his family farm for the site.

When he decided replicating the wall would be the best way to honor soldiers, he shared the idea and immediately five people were interested in making a full-size version. He praises the many volunteers and board members who made the memorial possible.

Dedicated in May 2019, it's become a popular destination for individual and group trips. Schools set up field trips and volunteers help students connect with names of soldiers from their hometown.

Boy and Girl Scouts and other volunteers clean the 144 panels of the wall, sweep the sidewalks, and mow the grass.

Along with the actual wall itself, there are numerous other exhibits in the museum that change month by month. Thirty volunteers, many of which are retired military members, serve as guides to the wall.

Visitors come from all over the Midwest and the rest of the country to view the site.

Address: 1172 Veterans Memorial Parkway in Perryville. (Highway AC)





# PLACES TO...

# Play



## PERRYVILLE PARKS INCLUDING HIKE & BIKE TRAILS

City Park & Trail  
S. Highway 61  
Perryville, MO 63775

Feltz St. Park & Trail  
Feltz St. (off St. Joseph St.)  
Perryville, MO 63775

Northdale Park  
Northdale Lane & Old Saint Mary's Rd.  
Perryville, MO 63775

Perryville Dog Park  
1111 S. Kingshighway  
Perryville, MO 63775

Robert J. Miget Park  
107 S. French Lane  
Perryville, MO 63775

School St. Park  
School St. & Star St.  
Perryville, MO 63775

Viola Blechle Park  
Star St.  
Perryville, MO 63775  
Bank of Missouri Soccer  
Complex & Trail  
1238 Star St.  
Perryville, MO 63775  
(Off Highway 51)

TG Trail  
Parking at TG Missouri Building 3  
On TG Way

For More information about Perryville Parks  
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Parks-Facilities

Other Parks in Perry County  
Hyde Park  
Main St.  
Altenburg, MO 63732

Nature/Conservation Areas  
Ball Mill Resurgence  
Natural Area  
Perry County Road 916  
Perryville, MO 63775  
(573) 290-5730  
[nature.mdc.MOgov/discover-nature/places/ball-mill-resurgence](http://nature.mdc.MOgov/discover-nature/places/ball-mill-resurgence)

Blue Spring Branch  
Conservation Area  
Perry County Road 916  
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(573) 290-5730  
[nature.mdc.MOgov/discover-nature/places/blue-spring-branch-ca](http://nature.mdc.MOgov/discover-nature/places/blue-spring-branch-ca)  
Hours: Daily 4:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Red Rock Landing  
Conservation Area  
Perry County Road 350  
Perryville, MO 63775  
[nature.mdc.MOgov/discover-nature/places/red-rock-landing-ca](http://nature.mdc.MOgov/discover-nature/places/red-rock-landing-ca)  
Hours: Daily 4:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Inaccessible when Mississippi River is over 20 feet on the Chester Gauge.

Tower Rock Natural Area  
Perry County Road 460  
Frohna, MO 63748  
(573) 290-5730  
[nature.mdc.MOgov/discover-nature/places/tower-rock](http://nature.mdc.MOgov/discover-nature/places/tower-rock)

Seventy-Six Conservation Area  
End of Route D  
4 miles Northeast of Brazeau.  
[nature.mdc.MOgov/discover-nature/places/seventy-six-ca](http://nature.mdc.MOgov/discover-nature/places/seventy-six-ca)  
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# PLACES TO... See

Perry County is home to several natural and historical locations, from landmarks described by 17th century missionaries and 19th century explorers to the natural beauty of the Mississippi River and the rolling hills that make up much of the county.

Opportunities to experience the great outdoors are numerous.

## BALL MILL RESURGENCE NATURAL AREA

Designated as a natural area in 1979, Ball Mill is one of the best examples of a Karst formation in the state.

A resurgence is a karst formation wherein a sinkhole that ordinarily drains water into an underground stream system will back up after a heavy rain – like a storm sewer will. In the case of Ball Mill Resurgence it is a basin 20 feet in diameter, which is five feet deep on the downstream end but has a 50 foot wall of limestone rock on the other side. During heavy rains water backs up in this sinkhole and will even overflow into nearby Blue Spring Branch. Inside the sinkhole, where the water is rolling rocks are tumbled around and somewhat polished, is where the “ball mill” gets its name. The karst features of this natural area are part of the larger karst network found in Perry County – the county in Missouri with the highest density of caves. The underground drainage system and calcareous bedrock of Perry County is akin to a block of Swiss cheese with water moving in very complex drainage patterns.

This natural area is owned by the L-A-D Foundation, which is dedicated to sustainable forest management and protection of exemplary natural and cultural areas in Missouri. Leo Drey, one of Missouri's outstanding conservationists, began the Foundation in 1962. The Foundation's properties also include Pioneer Forest, where sustainable forestry is practiced on more than 150,000 acres in the Missouri Ozarks.

### HOW TO GET THERE

From Perryville, travel north on U.S. Highway 61 and then go right (east) on State Highway V. Travel north on Highway V for almost three miles to Saline Junction. Go right (east) on Perry County Road 916. Travel just over a mile on PCR 916 and look for the parking lot on the left (west) side of the roadway. The parking lot has a trailhead for a short three-fourths mile trail that loops past the resurgence.

## HADLER SHOE TREE

On the edge of a cornfield in rural Perry County stands a tree covered in strange decorations – hundreds of shoes flung into its branches, mostly members of the Hadler family, who started the tradition more than a decade ago.

It is hard to say how many shoes are in the tree, named after Willard and Glenda Hadler. Strong winds and rotting strings have caused many shoes to fall, plus visitors can stop by at any time and add more.

“It was Willard's idea to start this,” said Trish Erzfeld of Perry County Heritage Tourism. “He and his family had gone out west, and there's another shoe tree out west. He came back home to Perry County, ... and he and the kids went out and started throwing old shoes up in this tree. Now people do it all the time.”

### HOW TO GET THERE

The Shoe Tree can be found on PCR 324 right off of Highway C and is open 365 days a year for shoe-slinging enjoyment.

## HORSE ISLAND (LEWIS & CLARK LOOKOUT POINT)

“Set out this morning of 8 o' clock from the lower point of the horse

Island, which Island is Situated opposite the mouth of Kaskaskia River...”

William Clark, November 28, 1803

On Nov. 27, 1803, Lewis and Clark camped near this point, which at that time was the lower portion of Horse Island. Horse Island was located just below the mouth of the Kaskaskia River at the beginning of a sharp bend in the Mississippi. As a result of changes in the course of the river, Horse Island has been absorbed into the Missouri shoreline in the vicinity of this marker, and the Mississippi River has shifted its course eastward, carrying away the original village of Kaskaskia.

When the party reached Horse Island, Capt. Meriwether Lewis left his co-commander, William Clark, in charge of the keelboat and pirogues, while he was put ashore to walk the six-mile distance to Fort Kaskaskia. The fort was now an American Army post situated on the high ground on the east side of the Kaskaskia River opposite the village of Kaskaskia.

Clark and the rest of the men, meanwhile, pushed their boats into the Mississippi and begin to work their way around a long and difficult bend, known as Coco Bend. Clark had wanted to make calculations of latitude with his sextant but a thick morning mist obscured the sun. The west side of Coco Bend hugged the Missouri shore and Clark observed a range of highlands next to the river. At 1 p.m., the party passed Joseph Donahoe's landing. Boats loaded salt from the salt works in Saline Creek at this place. Two hours later, Saline Creek itself was passed. In addition to the salt works on this creek, there was also a thriving settlement. The party rounded Coco Bend and pulled up to Kaskaskia Landing on the Illinois shore. On the opposite side of the river was the former west bank community of Old Ste. Genevieve, known locally as “miser” (phonetic for *miserie* in French, or *miserly* in English). This community was relocated after disastrous floods in the 1780s.

### HOW TO GET THERE

Horse Island today is private farmland, but visitors get a good look as they cross the Mississippi River to Chester, Ill. Horse Island is located where Highway 51 ends at the Horse Island Chute Bridge, which connects to the Chester Bridge.

## TOWER ROCK

Tower Rock, also known as Grand Tower, is a rock formation and landmark island in the Mississippi River, in Brazeau Township, Perry County, Missouri, south of Wittenberg, and across the river from Grand Tower, Ill. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1970.

Tower Rock has also been dubbed with many names over the centuries: Cap de Roche, Cap St. Croix la Tour, La Roche de la Croix, Rock of St. Cosme, Castle Rock and Devil's Tower.

The earliest mention by Europeans of this island is by French missionary Jacques Marquette in 1673:

“...We found ourselves at a river called ouaboukigou, The mouth of which is at the 36th degree of latitude. Before reaching it, we passed by a Place that is dreaded by the Savages, because they believe that a manitou is there, – that is to say, a demon, – that devours travelers; and The savages, who wished to divert us from our undertaking, warned us against it. This is the demon: there is a small cove, surrounded by rocks 20 feet high, into which The whole Current of the river rushes; and, being pushed back against the waters following it, and checked by an Island near by, the Current is Compelled to pass through a narrow Channel. This is not done without a violent Struggle between all these waters, which force one another back, or without a great din, which inspires terror in the savages ...”

More than a century later, explorer Meriwether Lewis described the “immense and dangerous” whirlpool that formed below the rock in high water.

### HOW TO GET THERE

Just west of Wittenberg off Highway A, travel south on Perry County Road 460 for about 1.5 miles to the area parking lot. Here you can look across the river to Tower Rock. Continuing down 460 over the railroad tracks there is a pull off on the north side of the road that is the trailhead for a short hiking trail up the hill to an overlook.

## LEGION LAKE

Ready to reel in aunker? Nearly 10 acres of fantastic winter rainbow trout fishing is available at this location. Summer fishing has bass, crappie, blue gill, catfish and sunfish. The lake has a boat ramp, fishing jetty, pavilions, picnic tables and bathrooms. Open daily sunrise to sunset.

Legion Lake is stocked each October with rainbow trout. Fishing for trout is catch-and-release from October until February, at which point length regulations apply.

### HOW TO GET THERE

Legion Lake is accessible from Highway 51 in Perryville by traveling east on Alma Ave., followed by a left turn onto Big Spring Blvd. and then a right onto Legion Circle.

## LITHIUM SPRING

This natural lithium spring has been sought out for healing properties since the mid-1880s.

Lithium was first surveyed as a town in 1882. The first settlers were Dr. Henry Clay Fish, Richard P. Dobbs and James G. Christian, who all came to Missouri from Illinois. The town was incorporated in 1883 and the first mayor was Richard C. Lisenby. The location of the town was determined by two mineral springs, which were highly prized on account of their medicinal qualities, which led to the construction of a bath house by Thomas King in 1883. A Baptist church, Lithium Baptist, was organized in 1885 and a Catholic church, St. John the Evangelist, was organized in 1896. By 1912 the town had two general stores, two mills, a brickyard and population of 98. Today, the village is considered inactive, and the population is not much different in size.

### HOW TO GET THERE

The lithium spring is located on PCR 921, approximately 7.7 miles north of Perryville, east of Highway M.

## OLD APPLETON BRIDGE

The bridge crossing the Apple Creek was built in 1879 connecting Perry and Cape Girardeau Counties. It is the only iron bridge in Missouri still in its original location.

The bridge washed out in 1982 and reconstruction were completed in 2006.

### HOW TO GET THERE

Old Appleton is located 13.7 miles south of Perryville on Highway 61.

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

On the grounds of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Apple Creek is a unique sight.

Next to the church, which was constructed in 1884, is a shrine built into a Karst Window, known as the Schnurbusch Karst Window, allowing the view of an underground spring. This Karst Window is the result of the collapse of a cave roof, allowing the view of a small portion of a hidden underground stream. Karst topography is common in Perry County, which is known to have at least 650 caves.

In 1857, Rev. Joseph Becker installed stone steps to the cave spring so drinking water could be carried to the rectory via buckets and neck yoke. Later, a water line was laid so water could be pumped to the rectory. In 1883, Rev. Francis Krieger had a dam built and installed a hydraulic ram, which brought the water to the rectory by its own

power. This provided the water supply until 1927 when the present deep well was drilled.

In the 1950s, Father Mitchell Deck began development of the Shrine, which was further expanded by Father George Schrammel. Most of the stonework was laid by local Parishioners who used the foundations of old farm homes and barns in the community. The outdoor “Way of the Cross” or “Via Dolorosa” along with a rosary laid out in the stepping stones were added in the late 1990s by Father Mark Bozada.

The “Via Dolorosa” leads down a steep path to the bottom of the sinkhole containing the Schnurbusch Karst Window. The shrine features a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Our Lady of Grace, a small altar for Masses and an amphitheater. A small waterfall flows out of the cave, and its water flows before the altar, under the stone bridge, and back into the cave.

### HOW TO GET THERE

St. Joseph Catholic Church is located 11.5 miles south of Perryville. From Perryville, take Highway 61 south, then turn right on PCR 530, turn right onto PCR 528, left onto PCR 520 and then take a slight right onto St. Joseph Lane.

## PERRY COUNTY COMMUNITY LAKE

The Missouri Department of Conservation, in cooperation with the citizens of Perry County, who approved a bond issue to purchase 310 acres from private landowners to create the public area, developed the site and constructed a 103-acre impoundment, which was opened to fishing in 1971. The area now includes two access roads, four parking lots, two boat launching ramps, a fishing access trail for bank anglers as well as two small picnic areas. The area also features a disabled-accessible fishing pier, where fish-cove structures have been placed to improve fish habitat. Disabled-accessible restrooms are located near the fishing pier. Shoreline Trail is a four-mile hiking look around the lake's perimeter.

Visitors can experience fishing, hiking and bird watching. Boundaries of the area are fenced and signed. For more information, including a map and a brochure, visit [mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/perry-county-community-lake](http://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/perry-county-community-lake).

### HOW TO GET THERE

Perry County Community Lake is located about two miles west of Perryville and can be accessed from Route T and from the Interstate 55 west outer road.

## RED ROCK LANDING CONSERVATION AREA

This area consists of 554 acres and includes approximately one mile of Mississippi River frontage and one-half-mile of Cinque Hommes Creek frontage.

The area contains seven ponds, totaling about five acres. The area has 419 acres of timber, 60 acres of unprotected bottomland fields and 70 acres of upland fields.

The Missouri Department of Conservation purchased this property in November 1994 primarily for use as a public fishing access. The area has some of the best remaining riparian habitat in this reach of the Mississippi River. The frontage has good water depth and instream cover that provides excellent bank fishing for catfish, and other big river species.

The area forest is managed to improve tree growth, quality and species composition.

Other management strategies in the area include wildlife food plots and native warm-season grass plantings.


Camping is permitted, as is hunting, fishing and bird watching. Red Rock Landing Conservation Area is inaccessible by road when the Mississippi River level is above 20 feet on the Chester Power gauge. For additional information, including a map and a brochure, visit [mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/red-rock-landing-conservation-area](http://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/red-rock-landing-conservation-area).

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# Tractor Museum

## One of a Kind...



...If you want to see some of the most innovative tractors made in America, you need to visit the American Tractor Museum in the heart of downtown Perryville, conveniently located on Main Street. Travel back in time and see one-of-a-kind machines, such as the 1896 threshing machine made by the Cape Mfg. Co. and the 1911 steam engine tractor manufactured by the Avery Company. The Illinois 18-30 Super Drive Model C is one of only three in the United States that has survived.

The American Tractor Museum was started by Kenny Buchheit and Arley Berkbuegler to celebrate the iconic machine and the backbone of America. Tour this amazing collection walking you through the evolution of the machine that plowed, planted, and harvested the American dream for centuries. See one of the largest and most unique collections of its kind - featuring rare manufacturers, such as Rumely, Waterloo Boy, Illinois, Indiana, Huber, Plymouth, Avery, Rock Island, Greyhound, Centar and many more.

As you walk through the museum, you'll see over 65 beautifully restored tractors, more than 20 of which are over a century old, along with many other gems preserved inside the 11,000 sq. ft. space. You'll find models, pedal tractors, community history and photographs, and even a section dedicated to a featured tractor. The American Tractor Museum rotates a different, locally owned tractor regularly, so there is always something new to see.







... is a solitary destination. Missouri is known as the Show-Me State. There are many “show-me” attractions and places to see across the state.

In Perry County, one of the featured landmarks is Tower Rock.

“A lot of it is the geologic formation of it, it’s just a harder type of limestone,” said Kevin Brunke, a natural history biologist with the Missouri Department of Conservation. “It’s been a notable feature of the river for quite some time.”

From sitting in the car or at a picnic table watching the river, it’s a unique place to view the Mississippi.

“When the conditions are right and the river level is low enough, it’s possible to hike to it,” Kevin says.

The structure rises an estimated 60 feet above the average river level because the rocks surrounding it have eroded away by the Mississippi River.

A recent addition is a scenic hiking trail, which offers an opportunity to view Tower Rock and the Mississippi River at a higher perspective.

The first European mention of Tower Rock is from Jacques Marquette, when he described it in 1673. He noted in his journal at the time that Native Americans thought a demon lived in the rock.

Francois de Montigny and Ambrose Davion traveled to the area on missions to the Native Americans in 1698-99 and the area became known as La Roche de la Croix (Rock of the Cross).

The location is significant as the spot where Father Jean Buisson de Saint Cosme planted a large wooden cross in 1699. The cross was erected as a symbol of Christianity and to dispel the belief that evil spirits inhabited the rock.

Before the invention of steam power, riverboats on the Mississippi could not ascend this area because of the whirlpool and the possibility of getting crushed against the rocks.

Later, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark explored the region in 1803 on the way up the Mississippi as they embarked on their historic trek out West via the Missouri River.

Tower Rock is south of where the Saxon immigrants arrived in the late 1830s, as they made their voyage from New Orleans. The immigrants made landfall by Wittenberg and named many of the places after where they came from in Germany.

“Some people say it’s the Lutherans’ Plymouth Rock,” Kevin says.

The Tower Rock Natural Area is located approximately 1 1/2 miles south of Highway A on Perry County Road 460.

# Tower Rock...





## HOW TO GET THERE

Red Rock Landing Conservation Area is on the Mississippi River in Perry County, approximately 10 miles east of Perryville. To reach the area from Perryville, take U.S. Highway 61 south to Highway P, follow Highway P to its junction with Highway C at Crosstown, turn left and turn onto County Road 350. Follow County Road 350 to the conservation area.

## SEVENTY-SIX CONSERVATION AREA

The Missouri Department of Conservation created this area in 1990 with the purchase of an 818-acre farm from a private landowner. Steep, forested hills with narrow ridge fields and deep hollows characterize this area. Rock bluffs face some sections of the Mississippi River, which runs along the area for nearly two miles.

The area supports a mixed hardwood forest, with stands of trees, including oaks, tulip poplars and other species, ranging in size from saplings to majestic old growth.

Seventy-Six Conservation Area is being used as a demonstration area for forest and wildlife management techniques often recommended for implementation on similar or smaller tracts of land under private ownership. Timber harvests and forest stand improvement practices are an important part of wildlife habitat management. They produce forage and cover for many species of wildlife. In addition, the Conservation Department has planted food plots, native warm-season grasses and legumes to provide additional food sources for wildlife. A trail is available to provide area users an opportunity to view these forest and wildlife management practices. Any physical disturbance is only temporary and normal aesthetic appearance will soon return.

Another trail along the river provides access to wing dikes for fishing.

## HOW TO GET THERE

Seventy-Six Conservation Area is located in eastern Perry County, at the end of Highway D, approximately four miles northeast of Brazeau. From Perryville, head south on Highway 61, then turn left (east) onto Highway D. After about 6.3 miles, take a sharp right to stay on Highway D, then in another 2.1 miles, look for the brown Seventy-Six Conservation Area sign and turn left in Brazeau. Continue 4.6 miles to the conservation area.

## ST. MARY'S OF THE BARRENS CHURCH

St. Mary's of the Barrens Church is a Roman Catholic Church and former seminary in Perryville. St. Mary's is the historic seat of the American Vincentians, and since its establishment in 1818 has served as an educational institution, a Vincentian house of formation, and a Vincentian community residence. The complex of eight contributing buildings, one contributing site, and two contributing structures was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1995 as St. Mary's of the Barrens Historic District.

Beginning in 1817, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish served the local English-speaking until its merger with the German-speaking St. Boniface Parish to form St. Vincent's Parish in 1965. The parish church was renamed St. Mary's Church in honor of St. Mary of the Barrens Seminary, which opened its doors the same year as the church.

The seminary closed its doors in 1985, but many of its buildings are still in use by other community organizations including the Perryville Higher Education Center, which is housed in the seminary's former library.

Aside from the church itself, which has recently been remodeled, visitors to the grounds can view the Sacristy of Bishop Rosati, an old log cabin that is now the oldest original structure on the St. Mary's campus. The hewn log building, often referred to as Rosati's Cabin,



# PLACES TO... See

was used as a sacristy to the first church. The cabin is a single log pen with V notched corners, and was built around 1825. In a move to preserve the cabin, it was set on a concrete foundation in 1932 and placed under a large arched stone pavilion to protect it from the elements.

Also located on the grounds is the Grotto of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, built during World War I by the seminarians on the site of the stone quarry used to construct St. Mary's Church. Construction began in June 1917 and was completed in November 1920.

A small outdoor chapel is recessed in the center of the grotto wall and contains a small altar made of fieldstone. In a small niche at the top of the grotto wall, above the small chapel, is a statue of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

Visitors to St. Mary's may also tour the grounds via the Rosary Walk, which features two new chapels memorializing St. Catherine Labouré's work in establishing the Miraculous Medal. They depict two of Catherine's visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the challenge Mary gave her to perform a special mission: designing the Miraculous Medal.

St. Mary's is also home of the Association of the Miraculous Medal, first established at the motherhouse of the Congregation of the Mission in Paris.

In 1918, an Association was established by the Western Province of the Congregation of the Mission in the United States. Its headquarters were at Perryville. At first it was operated by the students at Saint Mary's Seminary under the direction of their religious superior. Soon the Association expanded and was given its own director, staff, and office space.

Today, the Association has approximately 1,000,000 members enrolled by approximately 65,000 promoters. There are about 350,000 contributors to the Association.

## HOW TO GET THERE

St. Mary's of the Barrens and the former seminary grounds are located at 1805 W. St. Joseph St. (start of Highway T) in Perryville. Visitors are welcome to visit the Shrine Chapel and the grounds at any time of the year during daylight hours. Guided tours of the church are available on a regular schedule, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, or at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on weekends. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead, at 573-547-2508, especially in the case of large groups. For more information, including a map of the rosary walk, go to amm.org.

## PERRY COUNTY MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM

Tucked away on the second floor of the Perry County Higher Education Center in Perryville is the Perry County Military History Museum.

Representing all Perry County service men and women who served in all wars, capturing their heroic stories of service, dedication and sacrifice paid by both the soldier and the families left behind, the museum opened on Veteran's Day in 2012 with a stated mission to honor and recognize Perry County veterans. It has been described as a "hidden gem in southeast Missouri" and features artifacts, uniforms, videos, pictures and more donated by Perry County soldiers and their families.

## HOW TO GET THERE

The museum is located at 108 South Progress Drive. Hours of operation are 1-3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 6-8 p.m. on Wednesdays, except during the months of June, July and August. For more information, call 573-517-2463.

## PERRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH LIBRARY & ARCHIVES CENTER

This center opened in 2015 and has a vast amount of information

about Perry County and its citizens.

The Perry County Genealogical Research Library & Archives Center is home to the Perry County Archives Center, which includes the repository of Perry County records and documents previously housed in the attic, vault, and basement of the courthouse, as well as Perry County newspapers on microfilm from 1862 to present.

It also houses the Perry County Historical Society Genealogical Research Library, which contains federal census records, marriage records, birth and death records, church records, cemetery tombstone listings, local newspaper clippings, and numerous family surname contributions.

In addition the Perry County Historical Society maintains a working business office at center with regular hours to handle inquiries and assist researchers, both locally and long distance.

Researchers are invited to use the center to trace their family heritage and explore Perry County's vibrant history and rich culture.

## HOW TO GET THERE

Perry County Genealogical Research Library & Archives Center is located in second floor of the Perryville Higher Education Center, at 108 South Progress Drive in Perryville. For more information, call 573-768-2470.

## PERRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Built in 1903, the Perry County Courthouse recently underwent a massive renovation project that saw much of the interior – and part of its exterior – restored to its original appearance.

Four structures have served as the home of Perry County's courts and administration since Perry County's creation. The first structure was a temporary home for the court, while the latter three structures were constructed solely to house the county courts and administration. The first structure was a two-story log building, which served as the site of the county court after the formation of Perry County in 1821, and housed the court until a courthouse building was built in 1826. The first building solely housed to serve as the county courthouse was constructed in 1826 at a cost of \$1,486.25. No known photos exist of this building. The first courthouse building of 1826 was replaced in 1861 with a new two-story stone building at a cost of \$8,000. The second courthouse building constructed in 1861, however, had eventually fallen into disrepair and was replaced with the third and present brick courthouse in 1903 at a cost of \$31,819.

Renovation work on the courthouse, a local icon located in the heart of Perryville that became listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2016, began in 2017 and was completed a year later.

In 1904 it was said, "Everyone should now come to Perryville and visit the new Courthouse, no longer a picture on paper, but a reality."

## HOW TO GET THERE

The Perry County Courthouse is located on the downtown square in Perryville. The official address is 15 W. Ste. Marie Street in Perryville. Guided tours are available upon request. Call 573-547-4242 for more information.

## MISSOURI'S NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL

The centerpiece of this 47-acre strip of former farmland in the heart of Perry County is a full-sized, exact replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The site also features a visitor's center and military museum, and regularly hosts veterans' events.

The project was made possible by a sizeable donation by local

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resident Jim Eddleman, who also donated part of his third-generation family farm to provide a home for the memorial.

Eddleman's gift grew from a promise he made while serving in Vietnam, a promise that, if he made it home, he'd find some way to honor his comrades who didn't.

"Promise made, promise kept," Eddleman said after the final black granite panel was installed in 2018.

MNVM celebrated its official grand opening on May 18, 2019, with a ceremony that drew thousands from all over the country.

The goal for MNVM is to provide a quiet place for reflection and remembrance right here in the Heartland, specifically for those who might find it difficult to travel to Washington to see the original memorial.

**HOW TO GET THERE**

Missouri's National Veterans Memorial is located at 172 Veterans Memorial Parkway (Highway AC) in Perryville. For more information, call 573-547-2035 or go to [mnvmfund.org](http://mnvmfund.org).

**LUTHERAN HERITAGE CENTER & MUSEUM**

The Lutheran Heritage Center of the Perry County Lutheran Historical Society has a state-of-the-art museum with a world-class family research library. The site interprets the 1839 German-Lutheran immigration to the area.

In 1838, approximately 700 German-Lutherans left their homes, farms, businesses and all they knew behind to embark on the dangerous sea voyage to America. Finding new homes in St. Louis and then Perry County, Missouri, they rebuilt their lives and formed communities that endure to this day. Discover their hardships, tragedies and triumphs and explore the families, churches, farms and businesses they established which make East Perry County a unique and truly

authentic American landscape.

**HOW TO GET THERE**

The Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum is located at 75 Church Street in Altenburg and is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. From Perryville, travel south on Highway 61 and turn left on Highway A in Uniontown, then continue on Highway A until Church Street in Altenburg. For more information, call 573-824-6070 or visit [lutheranmuseum.com](http://lutheranmuseum.com).

**PERRY COUNTY MUSEUM**

Located at the entrance of the City Park, this two-story brick house was built in 1881 by Joseph and Mary Broeker Duerr, a local butcher and his wife. The Museum is home to the Perry County Historical Society.

The museum opened in May of 1990. The rooms include areas of children's toys/supplies, kitchen, schools, books, churches, medical and many other treasures from Perry County. Displays are also found in the hallways and stairways. The large amount of items on display are sure to bring back memories for the older generations and to amaze and amuse the younger ones.

Admission to the museum, which is open from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, is free.

**HOW TO GET THERE**

The museum is located at 601 Freedom Park Drive in Perryville. For more information, call 573-547-6383.

**BRAZEAU SCHOOL MUSEUM**

The Brazeau School, established in 1879, now serves as a museum, a time capsule for the community of Brazeau and the local area. From lace to ice skates and chalk boards to checker boards, the school displays artifacts that tell the history of this rural place and its people.



# PLACES TO... *See*

**HOW TO GET THERE**

From Perryville, take Highway 61 south to Highway D, then follow Highway D to the village of Brazeau.

**FAHERTY HOUSE**

The house was originally constructed by Henry Burns in 1825 as a two-room stone house with a basement. It is thought to be the oldest remaining residence in the city of Perryville. A brick, two-room addition to the house was added in 1854. The house also stands on one of the original town lots of Perryville.

The four-room brick and stone house has been restored to two different time periods. The basement kitchen is restored to the 1828-1840 era while the stone room above it is set up as a bedroom. The two brick rooms, a child's room and a parlor, are decorated in the 1870s and 1880s style. This latter time period reflects the time when William P. Faherty acquired the house.

Descendants of Mr. Faherty lived in the house for almost 100 years.

**HOW TO GET THERE**

The Faherty House is located at 11 South Spring St. in Perryville. It is open by appointment only. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. For more information, call 573-768-2470.

**AMERICAN TRACTOR MUSEUM**

Established in 2019, this collection offers the chance to view 65 machines and 90 pedal tractors. Each tractor has its own history, and there are stories behind each tractor on display. Manufacturers with tractors in the collection include Rumely, Waterloo Boy, Illinois, Indiana, Huber, Plymouth, Avery, Rock Island, Greyhound, Centaur and many more.

"It's an opportunity to see pieces of art, and pieces of history," said museum executive director Lori Heberlie. "We have such a rural background that it's worth seeing. These tractors aren't in the field anymore, they're in retirement."

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and younger are free. The museum is open Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes a new, featured tractor each month.

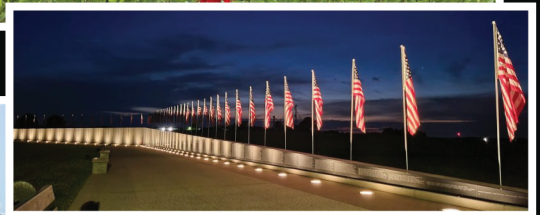
**HOW TO GET THERE**

The American Tractor Museum is located 508 N Main St, Perryville. For additional information, call 573-547-1097, or visit [americantractormuseum.com](http://americantractormuseum.com).



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# MAYFEST...is the Chamber's Signature Event...



...In the mid-1980s, the Perryville Area Chamber of Commerce began a tradition. It was one of first downtown events that got the community and businesses together.

This annual event is family friendly and provides something for everyone.

The carnival rides and activities, held down by the American Legion, predate the annual Mayfest celebration, which has always been on Mother's Day weekend.

The Mayfest Parade, starting at City Park and winding its way toward the Square, begins promptly at 6 p.m.

Friday festivities typically include concerts, carnival rides and enjoying the variety of food and drink options. In recent years, there has been a washer tournament organized by the Rotary Club.

Saturday begins with a 5k/walk at the Perry Park Center.

Other events and activities include the craft fair, a car show, tractor show, and other festivities.

School is still in session, but the event typically signifies one thing: high school graduations are right around the corner.

The Mayfest weekend typically has a theme that is part of the design for t-shirts and cups. The inaugural year of the Mayfest was 1985, and the event has been a fixture the second weekend of May, since then. The first year there was music, a chicken dinner, square dancing competition and a presentation on the Perry County Cave System. A fish fry and German sausage sandwiches were the featured food that first year. Through the years, a few of the activities have changed. However, there are even more food and drink options now available.

Mayfest is located on the Square in downtown Perryville.





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April

Mayfest  
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May

Fireworks Spectacular  
Perryville City Park  
July

River Hills Antique Tractor  
Adventure Ride  
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July

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September

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September

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September

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Saxon Fall Festival  
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October

Moonlight Madness  
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October

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...is a September tradition where residents and out-of-towners alike travel to Altenburg for the East Perry Community Fair.

The annual event is always held the third Friday and Saturday after Labor Day.

Festivities begin with a parade through Altenburg starting at 1:30 p.m., winding up at the fairgrounds.

"That's kind of carried through all the years," said East Perry Community Fair publicity chairman Fred Eggers, a position he has held since 1981. "The parade has been a tradition since the beginning. The livestock shows, home economics and all of that has always been there since the beginning."

The event wouldn't be possible without the countless hours of volunteer support, noted Fred.

"One thing is that it's totally a volunteer operation," Eggers said. "We have a board of nine people, 20-something department superintendents and roughly 300 volunteers that work for the fair."

The two-day event dates back to 1937. The organizing and planning for the big annual event begins early.

You can see large family gatherings in the lawns of houses all around the fairgrounds. It's a family reunion time, complete with the best grilled-cheese sandwiches anywhere, pork burgers, funnel cakes, all the best!

"Many people that grew up here come back. They have family gatherings. It's their time to come back and visit," Fred says.

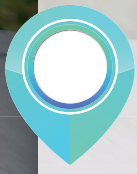
Early on, the first day was referred to as "School Day" and the second day was "Livestock" or "Agricultural Day."

Judging of the poultry and small animals, as well as the judging of hall exhibits occurs prior to the start of the parade. The judging for other animals occurs Saturday. Other regular festivities include a truck pull and tractor pull, as well as a jumping mules competition. Various 4-H and FFA shows are held Friday and Saturday.

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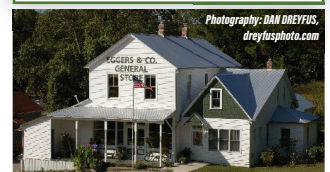
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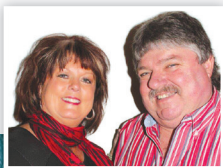


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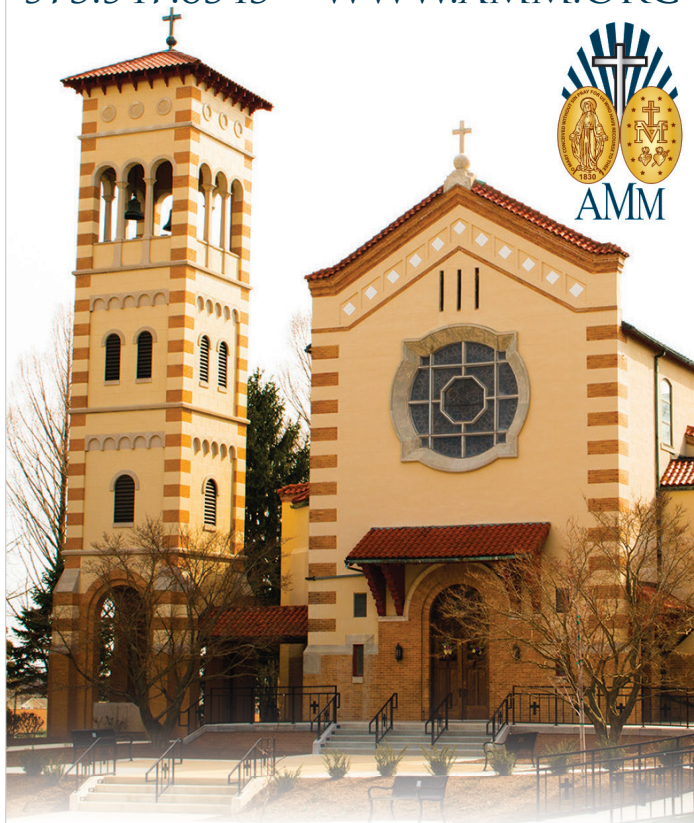
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## PERRY COUNTY

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In addition, the commissioners are responsible for adopting the annual budget and tax levy; approving and adopting all county contracts, agreements, and policies; and appointing members of various county boards.

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The governing body for the City of Perryville is its Board of Aldermen. The six-member board, along with the mayor, enact and approve all city ordinances and expenditures, set tax rates and oversee all functions of the city government. They are aided in their efforts by the city administrator, who is in charge of the day-to-day operations of the City. He reports directly to the City Council and carries out all policies established by the council. All department superintendents report directly to the City Administrator. He is also responsible for preparing and managing the Operating Budget and assists in preparing the City Council agendas.

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# PERRYVILLE / PERRY COUNTY...

# Government



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## CITY OF FROHNA

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## CITY CLERK

CAROL WUNDERLICH

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The Village of Longtown is governed by a village board.

## VILLAGE OF LONGTOWN

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## DOWNTOWN PERRYVILLE

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#### APRIL

- Cruise In

#### MAY

- Mayfest
- Cruise In

#### JUNE

- Cruise In

#### JULY

- Cruise In/  
Fire Trucks/EMS

#### AUGUST

- Cruise In
- Laid Back on I-55  
Truck Show

#### SEPTEMBER

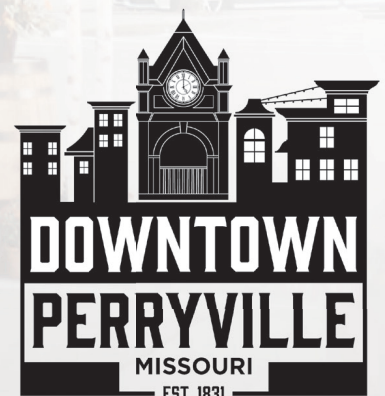
- Cruise In, Pin Up  
& Beard Contest
- Farm To Table  
Dinner
- Bikers on the  
Square

#### OCTOBER

- Cruise In &  
Rocktoberfest
- Moonlight  
Madness

#### DECEMBER

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the Square



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- Good schools, low crime and quality of life amenities.
- Higher education opportunities
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- Gig Internet availability
- A thriving downtown with year round activities and events.
- Co-working space

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The simplicity of our menu will surely make it easy for you to find something that you will love. We offer soups that are made daily from scratch. This includes our homemade and rolled chicken and dumplings, which, is a family recipe passed down for generations. This delicious customer favorite is available on Tuesdays. Our salads are made fresh when ordered and you will find a few that pair great with our home-made poppy seed dressing. When it comes to our oven toasted sandwiches, our optional jam spreads set them apart from the rest, and take your sandwich to the next level. Also, you can’t forget desert! We have a variety of sweet treats ranging from peanut butter pie, dirt cake, and coconut cream pie to name a few. We also have a few sugar free options available as well. If you are searching for fried food you won’t find that here!

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One review on the business' website describes the pies as "yummy and awesome. Loved it for over 50 years." Another described the business as a "nice little homey diner with excellent food and homemade pies.

That is exactly how Park-et wants to be.

All one has to do is look at the restaurant's mission to see just how much they care that it is done right.

"With 70 years of experience cooking in the heart of Perryville, our mission is to present the very best home cooked food to you and all our guests. Our caring and committed staff make sure you have a fantastic experience with us."

Park-et restaurant was built in 1955 by Herbert and Ruby Lukefahr after Herb's Ford Tractor Implements building burned in a fire. They had it for two years and Jack Abernathy was they cook. Ruby and Herb offered to sell the business to Jack and his wife Margie in 1957.

They held the business until 1964.

The restaurant changed hands several more times over the years until Brenda Hudson and Kevin Esselman bought the business from Ethyl and Alvin Heberlie in 1991. Brenda is the daughter of Margie Hudson who owned the restaurant in the 1980's.

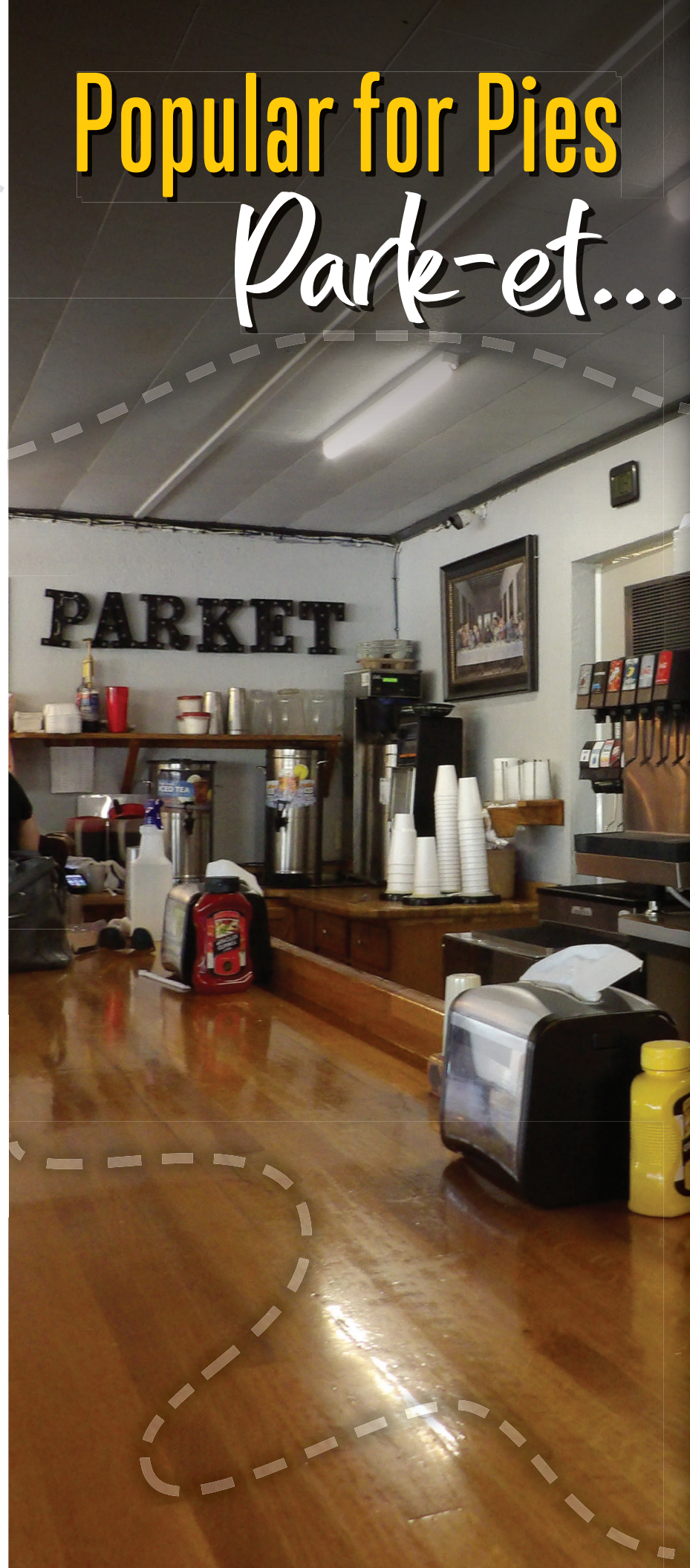
As part of their full menu, they continue to serve homemade soups, chili, and sandwiches. They are also known for their homemade dumplings.

Park-et also has a special every day which may include country fried steak or fried chicken. The specials are what keep many Perry Countians coming back every day.

"We almost always get what's on the daily specials board," one customer commented.

Park-et serves breakfast, lunch and dinner and is open 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 6 a.m.-8:30 p.m. on Sundays.

They are located at 211 S Kingshighway St in Perryville.







# It's Pronounced

"Gawn-ees"...

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The name came from founder Stanislaus "Stonie" Wibbenmeyer. He started out doing small custom curing jobs, but over time the business has become a staple of the Perryville community since 1959.

In 1962, Stonie's son, Don, joined the business, where father and son would work alongside one another until Stonie's passing in 1975. That same year Roger, Don's son joined the family business, and again father and son worked side by side.

In 1997, Don retired and Roger's son Tyson came aboard, marking the fourth generation of Wibbenmeyers to work in the business. A fifth generation of the family has also began working at the shop.

Stonie's Sausage Shop prides itself on their ability to make their own meat in-house from their time-tested recipes over the course of the last 60-plus years.

It's a unique treasure to find a family owned and operated business these days.

Under the leadership of Tyson Wibbenmeyer the same quality meat sticks, bratwurst, and deli meat are still available along with made-to-order meats, deer processing in the fall and the addition of a wide variety of Amish Wedding products, candies, jams and snacks.

The deli features an excellent selection of meat and cheeses along with homemade potato chips, German potato salad and the best vinegar poppyseed slaw you'll ever taste.

When you first walk into Stonie's there is a registration book, be sure you sign it, and take a moment to see the variety of states that stop in. Some are first time customers, but many are returning customers because they know the quality of meat and cheese is at its best at Stonie's.

That's why Tyson feels "we may just be around for another 60 years!"





# Three Generations Strong...



...Ewald's Bar-B-Q was founded in 1946 by Army veteran Ewald Buchheit. He was a cook in the service and used those skills and ambition to open a small BBQ joint in his hometown. After hiring his wife-to-be, Jinny, together they honed recipes for sauces, tuna salad, potato salad, slaw, relish, chili and more while sticking to their classic American fare style. The simple BBQ on Bun, or on Toast are staples: hickory smoked in house, topped with the original recipe barbecue sauce. Other smoked meats include their tender roast beef and turkey and their burgers are outstanding - being made with 90% lean ground beef. If you're looking for a treat, enjoy award winning milkshakes, malts or fantastic soft serve.

Much of the menu is still the same today, as the Buchheit family pays homage to founder, Ewald and bride, Jinny for the hard work and stepping stones they laid all those years ago. Terry, their son and his wife, Dotti, own the restaurant now and run it with their children, Eric and Elizabeth - making it three generations strong, filling a special place not only in the community, but in people's hearts. Being the oldest family owned and operated restaurant in Perryville, and the first barbecue restaurant is an honor for the Buchheit's, and something they hold value to. "We are where grandma and grandpa took you for a burger and ice cream; where you went after the football game with your friends; where you took your first date. For over seven decades, Ewald's Bar-B-Q has been threaded into the tapestry of the community."

Whether you're new to Perryville, visiting or passing through, Ewald's Bar-B-Q is a place where you can step in and feel the history. It's on the walls all around you in the photos that take you back to a different era. You'll see locals enjoying and visiting. And at the grill? It's probably one of the family members who would be excited to tell you about the long history. From selling ice cream from a horse drawn wagon, to going through the first times of car-hop service (invented by Ewald himself), to numerous additions to the building. This time capsule in the heart of downtown Perryville, MO is ready to awaken your nostalgia and fill your hunger. Come for the stories, stay for the great food but one thing is certain here, you can always "Eat Like the Locals."

Ewald's Bar-B-Q is open from 10 AM - 8 PM, Monday through Saturday. You can dine in to enjoy the old school atmosphere or call ahead at (573) 547-8585. Located at 18 East North Street, Perryville, MO 63775.







...is just part of the best draw in Perry County as well as the opportunity to gather with family and friends for any occasion. For that there's one place to go – Mary Jane Burgers and Brew at the corner of Jackson and Ste. Marie streets on Perryville's square.

"We definitely are a destination restaurant," said Carisa Stark, the restaurant's creator and owner. "Having a scratch kitchen, and making all of our recipes in house, down to smoking our own ketchup and making all of our own sauces has made us very unique. Also, the ambiance. Going into a historical building and uncovering all of the history down to the brick and the floors and the original tin ceilings, and then our level of service. We really strive to give everyone an excellent experience. It's super important to us."

The restaurant first welcomed visitors in 2013, and early on it was about building a successful experience.

"Good is never (good) enough for me," Carisa says. "I want them to be so impressed with their visit that it literally sticks in their mind forever..." "It's iconic, so spot-on that you think about it and three o'clock in the morning, 'Man, I want that burger.'"

Burgers and brew are in the name of the restaurant, but Stark said a great dining experience really has three things.

"The atmosphere, amazing food, also fantastic service," she said. "Our menu is very unique to the area."

Adaptation and variety are a must in today's changing climate.

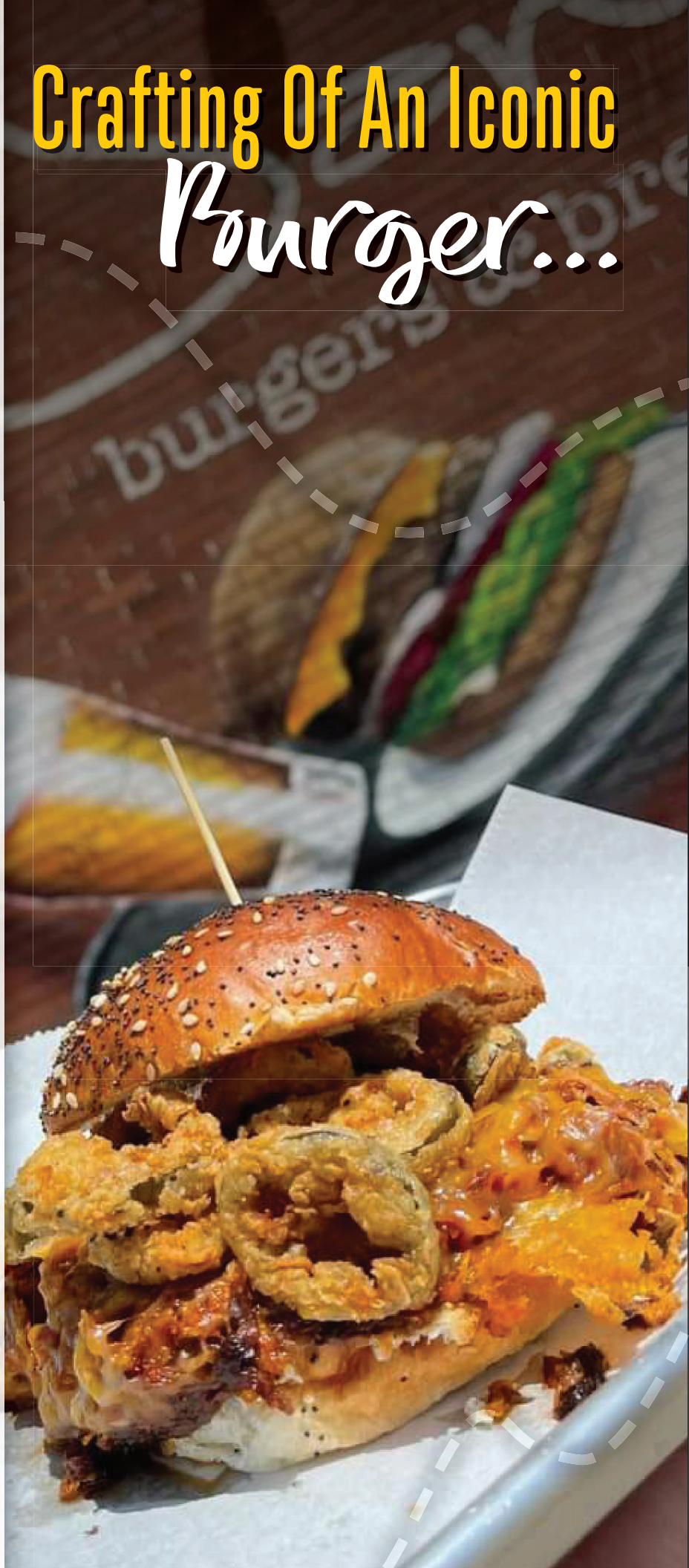
"We're constantly changing our menu, we go through two menus, sometimes three (a year) to keep it exciting," she said. "We don't want people to get tired of us because we're a small town."

Any time is a great time to join with friends at Mary Jane Burgers and Brew.

"Whether you're here celebrating a birthday or anniversary, or celebrating someone's life, I want to make an impact on people because from the very beginning food and drink has always brought people together, and that's what I want to create inside of these doors" Carisa says.

The restaurant is located at 102 North Jackson Street.

# Crafting Of An Iconic Burger...





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Juste Moi's goal is for everyone to eventually kick off their shoes, change into a robe, and stay all day, and to become your home away from home.

Somehow Young is able to juggle events, family, her thriving business, charitable contributions, and still be able to help each client like special.

"My hope is to help everyone find the best version of themselves," Young said. "

Her goal is to bring out the inner beauty and peace of her clients. She believes everyone is truly beautiful in their own way.

"I want everyone to feel completely comfortable here, like you're on vacation for a day," Young said.

If you're curious, go inside for a complimentary cup of coffee or tea. The studio is open to anyone during business hours to have quiet time and relax. Several packages and unlimited 24/7 VIP access rates are offered to fit everyone's needs. Everything provided at Juste Moi is affordable. Just find out for yourself as Juste Moi is located on the Perryville Downtown Square.

# Come Hang - Out...





# Friendship & Fellowship...

...and an attitude of service.

"Rotary Club of Perryville is a service organization for both men and women," says longtime Rotarian Becky Paulus. "We typically do one, if not two projects a year that we get funding assistance for from our Rotary district."

The Perryville club was chartered in 1997.

A club in Ste. Genevieve initiated the start here while a local club in Cape Girardeau mentored Perryville through the process, Paulus said.

Friendship, coupled with fellowship, is a big part of it, Paulus said.

"It was always intended to be a service organization," Paulus noted. "The whole goal is to keep spreading Rotary worldwide to those in need."

One recent effort the Rotary Club has been involved with is Lucas and Friends Backyard Adventure, which has been an ongoing effort in raising money for a playground at Miget Park on French Lane.

Another area of focus has been book donations.

Paulus said there tends to be a preference for projects that offer "hands-on work with it, besides just fund-raising."

Since 1996, quarterly trash pickup on Highway 51 has been one of the group's activities.

Paulus explained what makes the organization a vital part of the community.

"It is because of these annual projects that we've completed," Paulus said. "It serves a lot of non-for-profit organizations."

Rotary seeks to fulfill a variety of groups in its community improvement efforts.

"We try to touch a lot of different organizations that are in need of funding throughout the county," she said.

Recent improvements include a defibrillator at Altenburg Public School, volunteering for the local crisis center, and donating books to school libraries.

The club celebrated its 25th anniversary in May of 2022. Linda Buerck is the current Perryville Rotary Club President.

Meetings are held each Thursday at noon at the American Legion's Walnut Room (98 Grand Avenue, Perryville).





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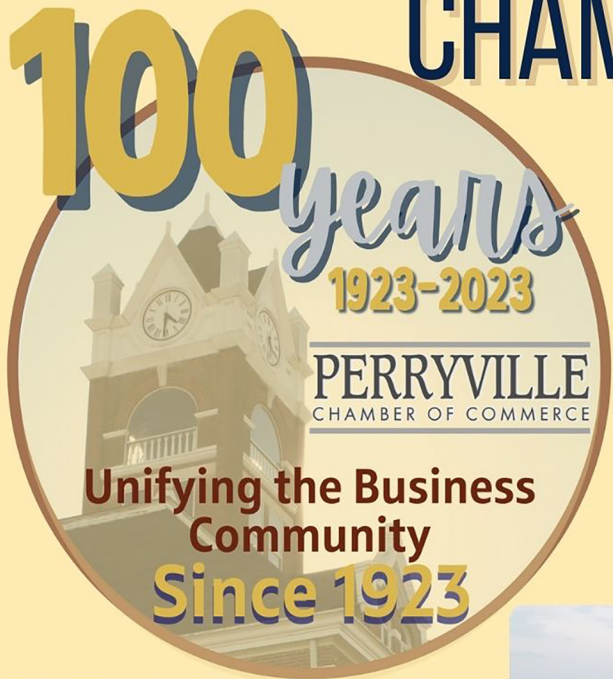
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# "Veterans Strengthening America"...

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While many people within Perryville will see members of Post 133 in the front of the parades and at funeral processions for the military, there are more things that the Legion is known for. In other words, the American Legion Post 133 in Perryville is much more than a military organization that is comprised of the Legion,, and the Ladies Auxiliary.

The Legion also offers room rentals for weddings, birthday parties, anniversaries, and other reunions as well as their famous fried chicken and fish dishes.

The Legion offers a buffet style lunch along with a menu seven days per week, plus a bottomless boneless wings and a steak night.

Post 133 also helps out the younger generations through scholarship programs, and other events to help teach the importance of the military and it's history.

In the end, the military is what is important to Post 133.

"It's a caring organization," Post 133 Human Resource Manager Sarah Young said, "The Ladies Auxiliary goes around to anyone that wishes to display a flag, they make sure they have one. The organization is big with benefits within the community and we take donations from people for various things. It's a great organization to be a part of."

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# Food, Fellowship & Fun...

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The Perryville Senior Center is mostly for people age 55 and older to come and have a good time. Whether that be for the lunch that is prepared by a certified nutritionist, or the many activities that take place every day, the center is a place the friends that are made at the Senior Center are life-long friends, even if they didn't know each other the day before.

The meal is one of the most popular aspects of the Senior Center, which provides seniors with many of the daily-recommended nutrients. The meal is \$7 for non-seniors, and those who are over 55 are suggested to donate \$3. Those meals are also available for carry out.

There are activities that seniors can participate in, including bingo, chair-side aerobics and special music and dances, and there is more than that.

The Senior Center is the place to be many days of the week, on any given Friday afternoon there can be north of 125 people in the building for activities.

The Senior Center also provides a home delivery meal service for those who can't get to the building.

The Senior Center is also on the lookout for volunteers to help with their activities and meals.

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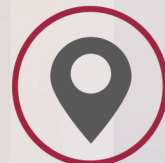
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"We are primarily an industrial contractor," said president Paul Findlay. "We work for places like Nestle, Conagra, Kellogg's foods. We do a lot of stuff in the food industry, but we also work for places like Mississippi Lime right up the road in Ste. Genevieve. We do a lot of material handling. We work all over the United States."

Robinson Construction's corporate office is in Perryville (2411 Walters Lane).

While much of the assignments Robinson Construction handles occur in the Midwest, it has also worked projects in Florida, Texas and California.

When a client that you've been working with for 10 years asks you if you'll go to New York or California and build a job for them, your answer is 'Yes, sir.'"

This approach has helped with the company's growth.

"That's how we ended up growing the business," Paul says. "Our philosophy is get hooked up with a client who values what we bring to the table - safety, quality, concern about their needs - and then stay with that client forever."

Paul says the company's connection to the community runs deep.

Robinson Construction did \$3.5 million in new construction in 1986. The total will top over \$100 million in 2022, according to Findlay.

"We want to grow because we need to grow, if you're not growing you're dying," Paul says.

That growth approach leads to additional opportunity for employees, Findlay says.

"I've got a lot of good people that work here and they want opportunity, they want to advance they want more in their career than what I have today, and they only way I can offer that is if I grow," Paul says.

The controlled growth philosophy keeps Robinson Construction committed to Perry County now and in the future.

"It's a philosophy of caring about our employees, of always keeping the best interests of our clients in mind, and we feel committed to the community," Paul says. "We try to do the best we can to give back to the community. I think that makes people proud of where they work."

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# PERRY COUNTY... Industries



Perry County is home to many different industries, from manufacturing to agriculture, from aviation to construction. Local leaders have long worked to make the area an attractive place for corporations to consider, and those efforts have led to an abundance of opportunities for both employers and prospective employees.

According to 2019 data, the largest industries in Perry County are manufacturing (3,350 people), health care and social assistance (675 people), and retail trade (348 people).

## TG MISSOURI

Topping the list of local industry is TG Missouri, an auto parts manufacturer and easily the largest employer in Perry County.

TG Missouri is a subsidiary of TG North America, a division of Toyoda Gosei of Japan. It is considered the mother company for TG's operations in the United States.

Established in 1986, TG Missouri employs nearly 2,000 workers, manufacturing Steering wheels, Airbags, Side

Molding, Interior & Exterior plastic trim components for automobiles. TG Missouri's customer base extends across the United States and into Canada, Japan, Australia, Mexico and Taiwan.

The Perryville-based business also manages three other plants.

In 2017, TG Missouri celebrated its 30th anniversary with a company focused celebration recognizing its first plant built in the Americas, which began operation in 1987, followed by a public ceremony and open house for the Perryville community.

Since opening its doors in 1987, TG Missouri has been heavily involved in the community it calls home, supporting many local causes and even constructing a 5K running trail around its facility and donating it to the city.

"We're part of the Perryville community," said TG Missouri president Dean Link. "We do a lot of work for the community. We like to be a good corporate citizen. We still have a large, large stake in the community. We're making an investment this year and in the future."

## GILSTER-MARY LEE

Another of Perry County's largest employers is Gilster-Mary Lee.

With its corporate headquarters located just across the river in Chester, Ill., Gilster has long had a stake in the local industrial scene.

Founded in 1895, the Gilster Milling Company started out purchasing and milling local soft wheat and marketing its "family flour" under several brands. In 1957, Don Welge, a great-nephew of the original Gilsters, joined the company and began an expansion that led to mergers with other companies in Illinois and New Jersey. The days of the small, independent mills were numbered due to the advent of large automated facilities and the decline of scratch baking. Diversification was the only path to survival. At this time the company first moved into private label cake mix, drink mix, and potato products and expanded its operation to the nearby town of Chester, Illinois. In 1969, some Gilster executives left the company and founded a com-

peting company, Mary Lee Packaging, in Perryville. The two companies merged in 1971, creating the Gilster-Mary Lee Corporation, specializing in private label, contract and food service manufacturing.

After 100 years, the modern Gilster-Mary Lee has changed greatly from its flour milling roots. The company now produces thousands of products in hundreds of different private label brands, as well as its own label. The Gilster truck fleet delivers products throughout the United States and Canada, and shipments destined for markets throughout the world leave the Gilster distribution center on a daily basis.

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# In Perry County Since 1969...



...Gilster-Mary Lee remains a major employer in the area.

Founded in 1895, the Gilster Milling Company started out purchasing and milling local soft wheat and marketing its "family flour" under several brands. In 1957, Don Welge, a great nephew of the original Gilsters, joined the company and began an expansion that led to mergers with other companies in Illinois and New Jersey.

The modern day Gilster was founded in 1969, after Gilster executives left the company and founded a competing one: Mary Lee Packaging.

The two companies merged in 1971, creating the Gilster-Mary Lee Corporation, specializing in private label, contract and food service manufacturing.

Gilster-Mary Lee employs upwards of 1,200 people in its Perry County branches.

Gilster Mary-Lee Personnel Director Rob Welge said the great workforce is the reason for the success of the company.

"We have some dedicated workers and a company is only as good as the people that work there," he said.

In Perryville, that product line is mainly baking mixes and cereal. In all, Gilster produces more than 8,000 items in 500 different private label brands, as well as its own Hospitality label. The corporation has a total of 12 branches in two states (Illinois and Missouri) and to do that Gilster-Mary Lee has had to diversify, which included adding products like popcorn, marshmallow and hot cocoa.

The trucking fleet is one of the largest in the area and Gilster-Mary Lee has about 325 tractors and 800 trailers operating out of its 40,000 square foot garage in Perryville along with another 96,000 square foot general warehousing and trailer lot that offers additional warehouse space for the company's growing business and serves as a holding lot for the transportation fleet.

Rob says to continue for another 50 years, they will have to make changes to keep up with the times.

"I don't know what those changes will be," Rob says. "The world is always changing and we have to change with it."





# PERRY COUNTY...Industries

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## ROLLET BROTHERS TRUCKING

Rollet Brothers started out as a one truck and trailer garage operation hauling wood from the Brewer region of Perryville to St. Louis when Elvis and Shirley Rollet founded it in 1956.

Since then, Elvis and Shirley's sons, David and Michael, have joined the business and helped transform it into a major regional industry with a trucking fleet of more than 200 tractors and trailers.

"We haul mainly bulk, but we have different kinds of trailers that we pull, so we have a pneumatic tank," said Rollet Brothers HR Manager Sarah Martin. "We pull a lot of lime and things like that for pneumatics. We also have hopper trailers, and then we also have van trailers that haul car parts for us."

These different types of trailers have allowed for a significant growth in the variety of products Rollet Brothers is able to transport, opening the doors to many more markets, both distant and local.

"Our truck routes span over 20 major cities in the Mid-western and Southern parts of the country from Munising, Mich. to Los Indios, Tex," Martin said.

Rollet Brothers, still family-owned after more than 60 years, employs about 150 workers in its shop, wash bay and offices.

## ATLAS EPS

Atlas EPS in Perryville is part of Atlas Molded Products, a division of Atlas Roofing Corporation, headquartered in Byron Center, Mich.

With plants across the United States, Atlas Molded Products provides product solutions coast-to-coast, playing a significant role in the growth of technology and product applications in the Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) insulation industry.

The Perryville facility manufactures foam insulation suitable for interior and exterior construction applications, various packaging uses and as a part manufactured systems such as RV's (recreational vehicles), garage doors, and pickup truck hard tonneau covers, to name a few. In

addition, Atlas Molded products' shape molding department produces coolers for consumer and the pharmaceutical industry.

Employing a staff of 78 and growing, Atlas Molded Products is proud to be a part of Perry County's industry.

## ROBINSON CONSTRUCTION

Robinson Construction is an award-winning general contracting firm based in Perryville, turned a plumbing, heating and air conditioning business started in 1946 as a one-man plumbing and heating business.

Today, it's a multi-million dollar firm providing construction management, EPC, design-build, and general contracting services to a variety of specialized markets all across the United States.

For Frank Robinson, the firm has been a lifelong endeavor, beginning when he was 11 and his father gave him his first job sweeping floors. Robinson took over the family business in 1971 when he returned from the Army.

I think we had four guys working for the plumbing busi-

ness," Robinson said.

Now, Robinson Construction employs more than 400 people in two locations.

It's almost all industrial," said president Paul Findlay. "The majority of our work is for places like Nestle, Conagra Foods, we do some in the mining industry – we do a lot for Mississippi Lime – so heavy industrial work is really the key, and the food grade stuff seems to be kind of a good spot for us."

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# We just keep Trucking...



...hauling from place to place. Elvis and Shirley Rollet began hauling wood to St. Louis and other surrounding areas in 1956. Back then, the small company was just a one truck and trailer operation out of a small garage.

Since then it has expanded quite a bit into what is known today as Rollet Brothers Trucking.

Elvis and Shirley's sons, David and Michael have joined into the family business and helped transform it into a major regional industry with a trucking fleet of more than 200 tractors and trailers that hauls mainly bulk materials.

These different types of trailers have allowed for a significant growth in the variety of products Rollet Brothers is able to transport, opening the doors to many more markets, both distant and local, spanning 20 major cities from Michigan to Texas.

The business has grown even more as David and Michael's sons have entered the business and carried the family tradition.

Another aspect that Rollet Brothers is proud of is that it provides its own service to its fleet of trucks with its own team of mechanics and wash bays.

Aside from the trucking business, Rollet Brothers also provides other services. E&R Lime, a subsidiary of Rollet Bros., sells and delivers rock dust to coal mines. It provides both the product the customers need and the logistics to transport that product on time. This highly regulated industry relies on E&R Lime to deliver rock dust, an essential product in safe mining operations.

Rollet Brothers is still family owned after 60 years. Rollet Brothers employs about 150 workers in its shop, wash bays and offices.

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# PERRY COUNTY... Industries



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## BUCHHEIT AGRICULTURE

Buchheit Agriculture is an independent regional feed and fertilizer manufacturer, serving southeast Missouri and southern Illinois.

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producers.

Based in Biehle, Buchheit Agri offers a full-service feed mill, seed cleaning operation, fertilizer blending facility and grain elevator.

In addition, Buchheit offers premium feeds for a variety of animals including: beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, equine, rabbits and poultry and can mix custom feeds for its customers. All feeds are available at the mill, for pick up at one of the company's eight retail locations – four in Missouri and four in Illinois – or by delivery for large orders.

Founded in 1934 by Rudy Bucheit, Buchheit, which employs nearly 700 people, is still family owned and an active member of the Perry County community. Buchheit Logistics, based in Scott City, was recently recognized by the American Legion's Missouri Department as Veterans Employer of the Year for its involvement with the Wreaths Across America event.

## EAST PERRY LUMBER COMPANY

East Perry Lumber Company, founded by Marvin F. Petzoldt in 1945, is located in the town of Frohna. The company started as a small portable mill making railroad ties and barn lumber. Today, it manufactures approximately 15 million board feet of lumber annually and has a kiln-drying capacity of about 650,000 board feet.

East Perry Lumber continues to be a family business, owned and operated by the second and third generations of the Petzoldt family, and employs approximately 85 people who, according to the company, "work hard and are committed to doing their part in providing a well-manufactured and consistent product that has built East Perry Lumber's quality reputation."

## STARK TRUSS

Stark Truss, founded in 1963, is a manufacturer and supplier of wood components for the construction industry. At its Perryville facility, which celebrated its 20th

anniversary in 2017, the company builds roof trusses, prefab wall panels and wood-web floor trusses for wholesale construction supply consumers.

Stark Truss' Perryville facility, one of 10 locations serving over 20 states from the Midwest to the East Coast, employs approximately 40 workers.

## WEST STAR AVIATION

West Star Aviation is located at the Perryville Regional Airport, located just north of the city on Hwy. N. This location offers access to the company's award-winning maintenance, repair and operations services for the Midwest region, specializing in aircraft maintenance, modifications, and refurbishment for most business aircraft.

The Perryville facility consists of four hangars totaling over 120,000 square feet in hangar and office space, including a 28,000 square foot, state-of-the-art paint facility with a downdraft filtration system.

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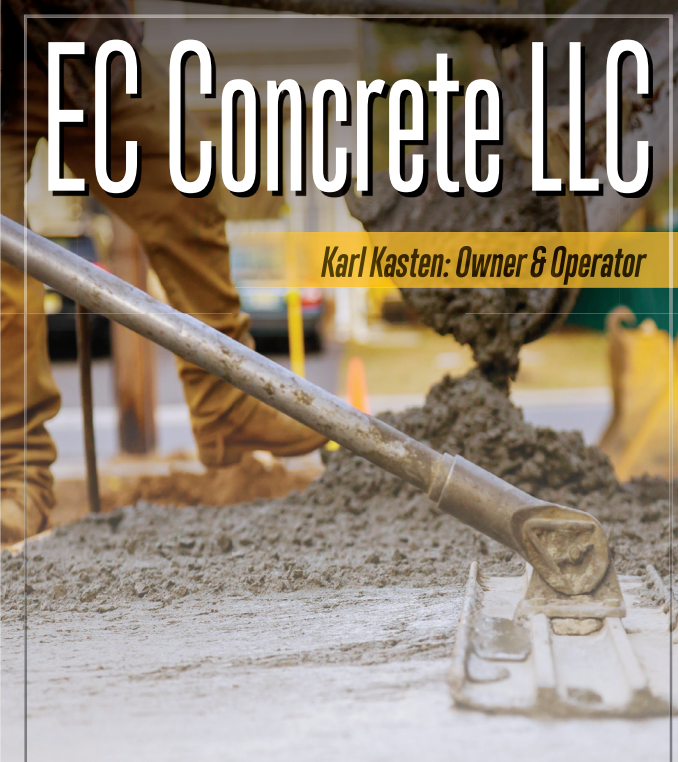
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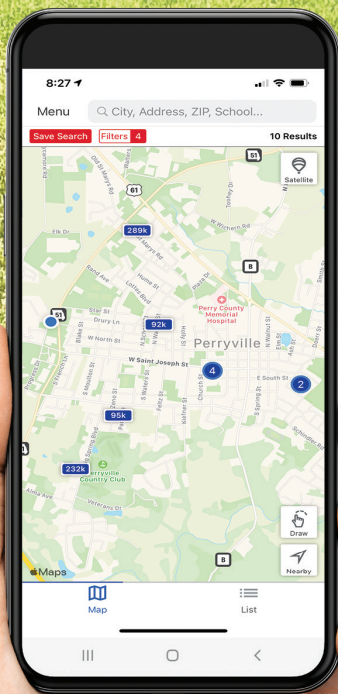
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