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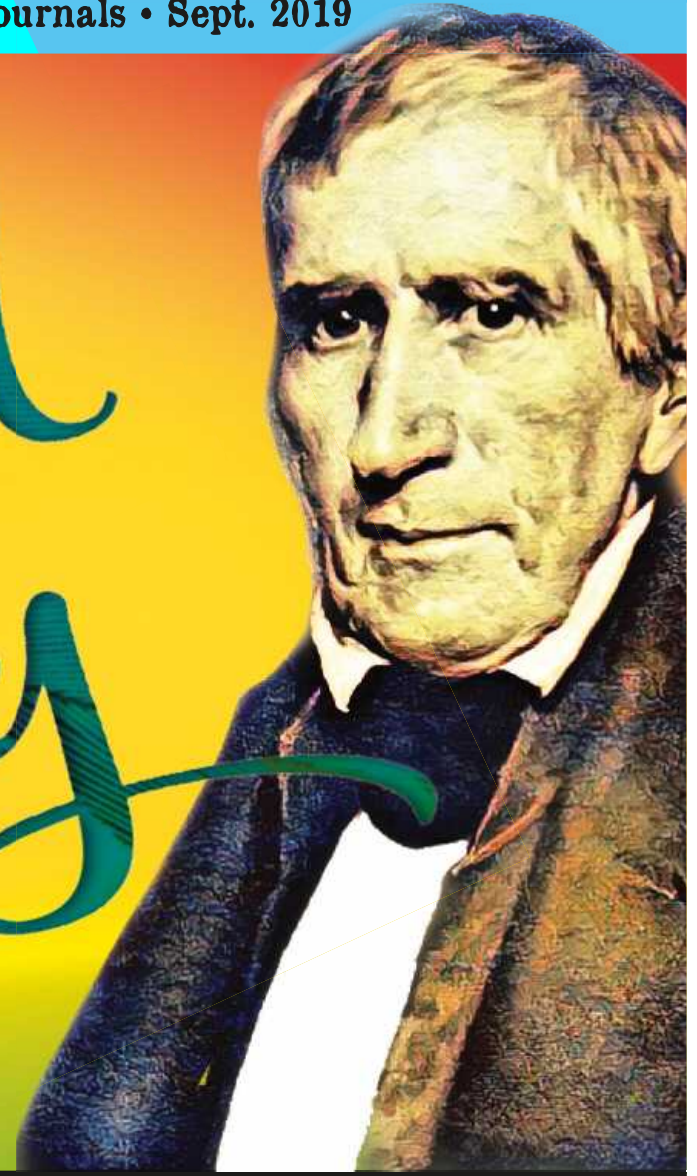
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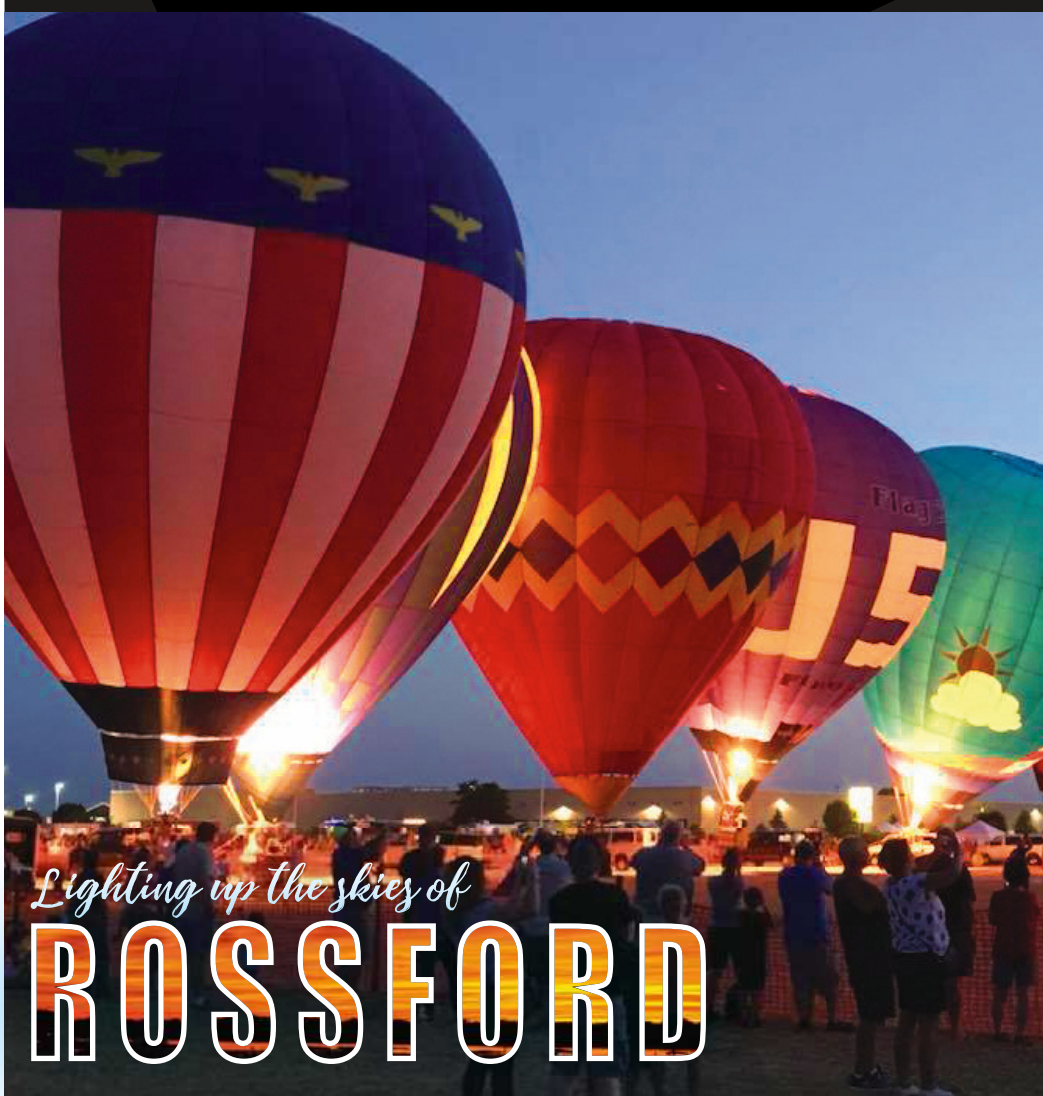
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Mercy Health is again proud to be the presenting sponsor of Perrysburg's Harrison Rally Day festival.

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Tour the Mercy Health Mobile Stroke Unit, visit the GoNoodle booth, get information on Mercy Health services for the whole family including orthopedics, Mercy Health weight management, Mercy Health Perrysburg Hospital—and more!

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The fun and games area at Harrison Rally Day provides activities for the whole family.

On East Second Street, there will be a petting farm.

On West Second Street, there will be an Air Extreme bounce house and other inflatables.

Bring the whole family to experience everything Harrison Rally Day has to offer!



Chamber of Commerce is organizer for 30th annual Harrison Rally Day September 21

Join the fun in historic downtown Perrysburg on Saturday, September 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Harrison Rally Day presented by Mercy Health is organized by the Perrysburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

For the last 30 years, the chamber has continuously upheld the tradition of bringing this popular event to downtown Perrysburg as a way to showcase the strong community spirit in the area.

The Perrysburg Area Chamber of Commerce, formed in 1968, is a voluntary association of businesspeople primarily from the Perrysburg area and northwest Ohio.

With more than 300 members representing a diversity of businesses, the chamber works to support the economic vitality of its members and the area business community.

For more information about chamber benefits for area businesses, go to perrysburgchamber.com.

Need information? Look for the gazebo

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The festival is organized by the Perrysburg Area Chamber of Commerce and includes the marketplace of business and community expo booths, food trucks and concession booths, artist/crafter booths, children's activities and games, and the festival parade at 10 a.m.

Harrison Rally Day presented by Mercy Health is Perrysburg's largest and most diverse outdoor festival.

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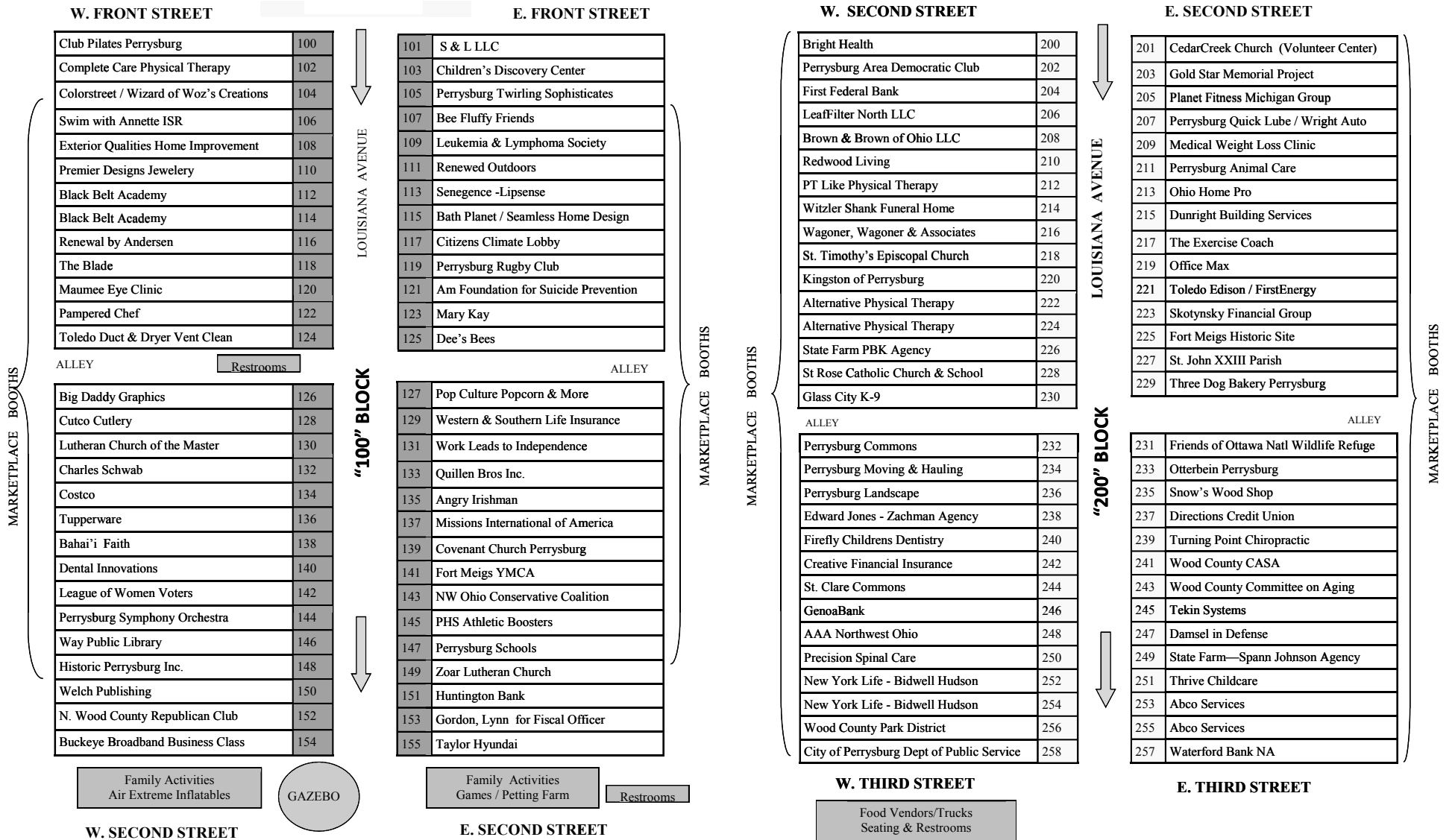
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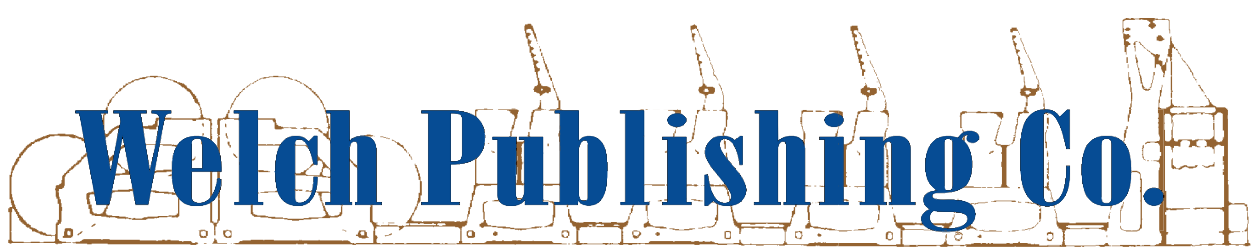
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Harrison Rally Day is fun for the whole family!

Need information? Look for the gazebo

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Brats and beer at First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church of Perrysburg again will add to the Harrison Rally Day festivities on September 21 by selling brats, sausages, hotdogs and craft beer in front of the church, 200 East Second Street.

The Bahama Mama brats come from Schmidt's Sausage Haus in German Village in Columbus, the Tahitian brats are from Pettisville Meats in Pettisville and the regular brats come from Wisconsin.

Octoberfest-themed craft beer is supplied by Heidelberg Distributors.

Potato chips, pretzels, bottled water and soft drinks will be available.

Proceeds from the food and drink sales go toward the church's mission projects.

Church members will staff the sale from 10 a.m. to about 3 p.m. Beer consumption will be confined to a designated state-approved area.



Way Library Foundation's 'Biggest Book Sale Ever' set for September 27-28

Way Public Library Foundation and Friends will host its annual Biggest Book Sale Ever on September 27 and 28, the weekend after Harrison Rally Day.

The event traditionally brings in huge numbers of shoppers of all ages looking for deals and a chance to support the library at the same time.

The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., on Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday.

Additionally on Saturday, there will be a discount, allowing shoppers to take an additional 40 percent off all purchases.

Books may be purchased by the bag or individually. Prices are \$15 for a large bag and \$5 for a small bag.

Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted, and all proceeds benefit Way Library.

This year, the book inventory is larger than it has ever been. Through the hard work of dedicated volunteers, additional rooms on the library's lower level will be used to handle the overflow of thousands of titles.

Most of the books offered were donated by members of the community, and there will be a wide selection of genres available.

"We look forward to this sale every year," said Lida Richard, event coordinator and administrator for the foundation. "Shoppers are thrilled when they see all the treasures to browse through, and their excitement is contagious. We are very glad to be able to provide this service to the community, and it is especially satisfying to shoppers when they know that every purchase helps the library."

There also will be a raffle sponsored by the foundation during the sale. Prizes include gift certificates for bags of books and more. There will be four top prizes.

Patrons can enter into the raffle by visiting the library and entering their name—once per day—now through Sunday, September 22. The drawing will be held and winners notified on Monday, September 23.

For more information, visit waylibrary.info or call 419-874-3135, extension 119.



Harrison Rally Day parade route

The 2019 festival parade will step off at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 21.

This year's parade theme is "Color the 'Burg!" The parade promises to be a fun, family friendly event on Louisiana Avenue.

The parade will begin on Louisiana Avenue at Fifth Street, travel north on Louisiana turn east onto Front Street, then proceed south on Elm Street.

Entries include marching bands from Perrysburg High School and Perrysburg Junior High School, local dance teams, area businesses, civic organizations and clubs, churches, decorated floats—and more!

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CedarCreek Church is volunteer sponsor for Harrison Rally Day

The Perrysburg Area Chamber of Commerce, organizer of Harrison Rally Day presented by Mercy Health, is pleased to announce that longtime chamber member CedarCreek Church has stepped in as the volunteer sponsor for the festival, providing the majority of the volunteers for the day.

CedarCreek's broadcast campus is located at 29129 Lime City Road. Find out more about CedarCreek at cedarcreek.tv.

Members of the church will have a variety of roles, including directing exhibitors to their booth spaces, acting as auxiliary parade marshals, monitoring the food area and helping with cleanup at the conclusion of the festival.

Arts and crafts fun at festival

The Arts and Crafts area of Harrison Rally Day presented by Mercy Health will showcase the handiwork of local artists and crafters, from photographers to toymakers.

Look for handcrafted jewelry, glass, sculpture, needlework, clothing, ornaments, metalwork, garden art, pottery, woodwork, seasonal décor and more.

Performing groups at the gazebo, located at Louisiana Avenue at Second Street, will include Perrysburg High School show choirs at 1:30 p.m. and Forte School of Music at 3 p.m.

Buckeye Broadband Business Class proud to sponsor Harrison Rally Day

Buckeye Broadband Business Class is the exclusive sponsor of the business community area of the Harrison Rally Day festival presented by Mercy Health.

With more than 100 booths in the business community area of festival, there are many opportunities for festival attendees to interact with local business representatives, civic or-

ganizations, churches, and more during the festival.

Buckeye Broadband Business class will be onsite with a booth and plenty of information about their services.

Want to learn more about Buckeye Broadband Business Class? Visit buckeye broadband.com/businessclass, find the company on social media, or swing by the Buckeye Broadband Business Class festival booth at the corner of Louisiana Avenue and Second Street.

Festival safety is No. 1

The Perrysburg Police Division, Perrysburg Township Police Department, Wood County Sheriff's Office, Ohio State Patrol and Wood County Safe Communities will have a public safety area at Ray's Service Center at the corner of Louisiana Avenue and West Third Street during the Harrison Rally Day festival.

Festival attendees may meet with local safety professionals, tour the vehicles and pick up valuable information.

Notice of Harrison Rally Day street closures and parking lot restrictions

Beginning at 4 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, Louisiana Avenue will be closed to traffic from Front Street to Indiana Avenue due to Harrison Rally Day presented by Mercy Health.

East Second Street, West Second Street and West Third Street will also be closed in the blocks closest to Louisiana Avenue. The streets will reopen after the festival at approximately 5 p.m.

Business owners and residents are asked to keep vehicles clear of these areas on Saturday and to advise clients and visitors that these closures may temporarily restrict their vehicle travel in the downtown area.

Find the food trucks

Everyone who loves festival food should be well fed during Harrison Rally Day presented by Mercy Health.

Food trucks and booths will be located on West Third Street this year to accommodate a variety of vendors.

Vendors participating in the festival include many local favorites: Deet's BBQ; Frenzy on the Go, Loaded Chicken, K & K Concessions, Karen Anne's Kettle Korn, Kona Ice Findlay and NW Ohio, Marco's Pizza, Opa! Gyros, and Rosie's Rolling Chef.

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General Henry Proctor, Tecumseh and William Henry Harrison



General Henry Proctor

General Henry Proctor

Henry Proctor assumed command of the British forces stationed around Fort Malden (Upper Canada) after General Isaac Brock died in October 1812 during the Battle of Queenston Heights.

Proctor led the British forces during both sieges of Fort Meigs and the disastrous assault on Fort Stephenson in present day Fremont, Ohio.

Brigadier-General Proctor was forced to retreat from Fort Malden after the U.S. Naval victory on Lake Erie in September 1813. General William Henry Harrison invaded Upper Canada shortly thereafter and defeated Proctor's army at the Battle of the Thames in October 1813.

General Proctor escaped capture following the defeat at the Battle of the Thames. Eventually, he was court-martialed for his role in the defeat and was suspended from his rank and pay for six months. He returned to England following the war where he died in 1822.

Tecumseh

Tecumseh, a Shawnee warrior and diplomat, was born in western Ohio in 1768. Some early accounts claim that he fought against George Rogers Clark in the American Revolution, Arthur St. Clair in 1791, and Anthony Wayne at Fallen Timbers in 1794.

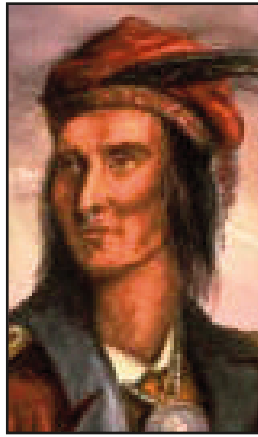
In the early 1800s, Tecumseh attempted to unite the Indian nations living west of the Appalachian Mountains into a confederacy that would oppose further Euro-American encroachment onto Indian lands. When the War of 1812 began, Tecumseh and many of these nations allied themselves with Britain.

Tecumseh led warriors allied with Great Britain during both sieges at Fort Meigs. It was his plan to create a sham battle during the second siege in an attempt to lure the American forces from the fort to destroy them and force the garrison's surrender. The ruse failed, and the British and Indian forces withdrew to attack Fort Stephenson.

Tecumseh died on October 5, 1813, fighting the Americans at the Battle of the Thames near present day Moraviantown, Ontario. Tecumseh's death signaled the end of a united Indian resistance against the United States of America.

William Henry Harrison

Major-General William Henry Harrison assumed command of the Army of the Northwest after the surrender of General William Hull's army at Detroit in the summer of 1812. Harrison's army consisted of an assortment of U.S. regulars, 12-month volunteers and state



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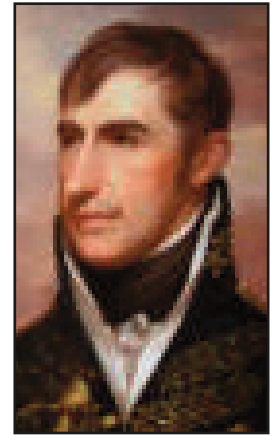
militias, who were tasked with defending the American Northwest from further British advances and preparing for an anticipated invasion into Upper Canada.

Harrison advanced his army to the Maumee River rapids in February 1813 and began construction of a 10-acre fortification which he named Fort Meigs in honor of Ohio's governor Return Jonathan Meigs.

General Harrison commanded the army that successfully turned back the British forces besieging Fort Meigs in May 1813. Harrison then turned over command of the fort to Brigadier General Green Clay from Kentucky. Harrison continued the defense of the Old Northwest culminating in his army defeating the British in October 1813 at the Battle of the Thames and ensuring the security of the Old Northwest.

Harrison left the army soon after the campaign ended. Shortly thereafter, he began his political career and was elected to the Ohio General Assembly.

In 1840, Harrison was elected President of the United States of America. He died of pneumonia in 1841, one month after taking office.



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Who is this guy Harrison of Harrison Rally Days?

By Clint Mauk

Harrison Rally Day is coming September 21—just who is this guy Harrison anyway?

I suspect that many, if not most Perrysburg residents have little or no knowledge of Perrysburg's most famous man, so let me tell you about "Old Tip," General William Henry Harrison.

Certainly the most dominant figure in the evolution of the Northwest Territory in the Upper Midwest, (the future Ohio, Indiana,

Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin), Harrison spent virtually his entire adult life championing this very important region in the development of the United States and its Westward growth.

Born in 1773 at Berkley Plantation, Virginia, the youngest of six children, to one of Virginia's elite families, and close friends of George Washington, he joined the Army as a teenager, and served as Aide de Camp to General "Mad" Anthony Wayne. He was

heavily involved in all three of the most important battles ever fought against a foreign enemy on U.S. soil, Fallen Timbers, Fort Meigs and the Battle of Lake Erie.

These three battles, all fought within 40 miles of Perrysburg, finally drove out the British and their Indian allies, opening up the Northwest Territory to these five key states, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, to Western development.

After serving with "Mad" Anthony Wayne at the Battle of Fallen Timbers, Harrison was appointed secretary of the Northwest Territory, an important post, and its first delegate to Congress. In 1801, he became Governor of the Indiana Territory. He was attempting to control and purchase lands from the Native Indians, and here began his long and bitter struggle with the Shawnee Chief, Tecumseh, and his brother The Prophet. This struggle would continue for a dozen years, culminating at the final battle, the Battle of the River Thames and the death of Tecumseh, in Canada.

In 1811, Tecumseh and The Prophet had built up the Indian Confederation to such an extent that Harrison received authority to attack them, and this battle took place on the banks of the Tippecanoe River in Indiana.

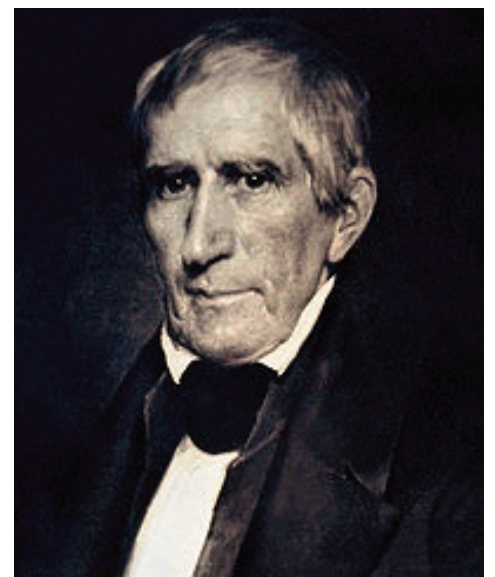
The battle began with the Indians attacking Harrison's forces while they slept, but Harrison's troops were successful in winning the battle.

Harrison's defeat of Tecumseh on the Tippecanoe established his reputation nationally, though it did not solve any of the issues with the Indians. He became a national figure, and adopted the nickname "Old Tip," a nickname that would be very prominent in his future run for the presidency, with the cry "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too." Many considered this the first battle of the War of 1812, even though the war with the British was not declared until July 3, 1812.

Harrison quickly was appointed a major general in the Kentucky militia, and soon thereafter was made a brigadier general of the regular U.S. Army. He was put in charge of all the troops in the Northwest Territory, and soon became a major general.

After General Winchester's terrible defeat at Frenchtown, now Monroe, Michigan on the River Raisin, Harrison had to regroup his forces, and on February 1, began building Fort Meigs, the largest stockade fort in the United States, finishing it in record time under miserable conditions in April.

The conditions under which the American troops had to construct Fort Meigs were brutal. The ground was frozen solid, making digging the holes for the huge stockade timbers a miserable, back-breaking job, and then in



William Henry Harrison

March and April, it all turned to mud.

When the troops left the fort to gather firewood, and to hunt and fish for food, they were attacked, killed and scalped by the huge Indian forces under General Proctor. The camp was filled with disease, with two or three soldiers dying every day.

The fort's design and construction was guided by Captain Eleazer Wood, a West Point engineer, whose name was used to name Wood County. The fort enclosed 10 acres, with seven two-story blockhouses, two underground powder magazines, and five elevated artillery batteries to protect the perimeter. Mounds of earth, or traverses, 12 feet high and 20 feet thick at the base, were built to shield the soldiers from the British cannonballs.

General Proctor had more than 1,000 British and Canadian troops, eight schooners and gunboats, and Chief Tecumseh with more than 12,000 Indians. The British established four artillery batteries in what is now a Maumee residential area.

Harrison's cannons came without cannonballs to fire at the British, so to overcome his shortages, Harrison gave his soldiers extra rations of whiskey for recovering cannonballs out of the mud, which were then fired back at their original owners.

By May 4, the British seemed near victory in their siege of the fort, but Harrison would not surrender. That night he got word that General Green Clay was coming down the Maumee, with 1,200 Kentucky reinforcements. Harrison ordered Clay to send 800 men to disable and spike the British cannons

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on the North side of the river, and the remaining 400 were to fight their way to the fort. Both detachments were successful.

William Dudley, Clay's second in command easily spiked the British guns, but defying orders, chased the enemy towards Fort Miamis and fell into a trap. A total of 650 brave Kentuckians lost their lives in that battle, that would always be known as Dudley's Massacre.

The siege of Fort Meigs lasted seven days. The British withdrew, leaving the Americans in control of the Maumee rapids, and threatening Detroit.

Before the battle of Fort Meigs, the Americans had never won an important battle against the British in the northwest. After the siege, they never lost another one.

Harrison made a real name for himself at the Battle of Tippecanoe, and became the principal political and military leader of the Northwest Territory. His successful defense of Fort Meigs, by breaking the British and Indian siege, regaining control of the Maumee River, and preparing to attack Detroit, gave the Americans fresh courage and energy.

But the British still controlled the Great Lakes and Canada. Oliver Hazard Perry was building his fleet in Erie, Pennsylvania, under orders from the Secretary of the Navy to defeat the British Fleet on Lake Erie before winter.

After Perry's successful defeat and capture of the British Fleet, (a story for another time on these pages), Harrison could now pursue the British Army and General Proctor into Detroit, Fort Malden, and Canada. In this effort, the new American hero, Perry, and Har-

ison combined to create an attack plan that would successfully end the War of 1812.

Perry transported Harrison's Army across Lake Erie to Fort Malden, the main British port. Perry's ships and barges transported the thousands of troops gathered for the final battle. Perry supplied the troops, once they were in Canada, by transporting all their supplies, baggage, food and weapons, sailing parallel to Harrison's land march on the Northern shore of Lake Erie, up the Thames River in pursuit of General Proctor.

The British General was holed up at Fort Malden at the mouth of the Detroit River. General Proctor was once described as "one of the meanest looking men I ever saw" with personality to match. Cowardly, venal and abusive, he was always putting his own safety and comfort before his troops' welfare. Tecumseh and his warriors were now realizing that their British leader was a coward.

Without firing a shot at the invading Americans, the British Army retreated up the Thames River, which flows southwest between Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie.

Tecumseh was furious at this display of cowardice, and some say, in disgust, that he attempted to shoot the British General. Harrison's Army marched through Amherstburg, Canada to the tune of "Yankee Doodle!"

As Proctor retreated, Harrison followed him, with Perry providing close support by water. This advance and retreat continued for eleven days, until October 6, when Proctor decided to make a stand at Monroviatown, on the banks of the River Thames. Tecumseh's war party included his trusted aide, Charcoal Burner, his brother-in-law, Stands Firm, and Tecumseh's only son.

Harrison organized an unconventional assault by using his Kentucky Sharpshooters to decide the battle with stunning suddenness.

British resistance collapsed in about one minute. Predictably, Gen. Proctor fled with his escort, leaving his troops like the coward that he was.

Meanwhile, on the left flank, the Indian forces under Tecumseh remained engaged. After 30 minutes the Indians fled the field, leaving behind 30 dead, including their heroic chief, Tecumseh.

The war that mattered in the Northwest Territory, the War of 1812, ended in 1813 on the banks of The River Thames.

Now that the British forces were gone from the concern of the United States, this military hero, Harrison, became heavily involved in politics. He first served his government helping to organize the Second Treaty of Greenville with the Indians, in 1814, and being involved with the Treaty of Ghent with

the British shortly thereafter. Now this man, Harrison, who had been Secretary of the Northwest Territory, Governor of the Indiana Territory, Congressional Delegate for the Northwest Territory, went on to be an Ohio State Senator, minister to Columbia, member of The House of Representatives, a U.S. Senator and Chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, and an early member of the new Whig Party. He was known as an impassioned debater, a "tough westerner," and was referred to by his fellow westerners as a "buckeye." (There will be more on this later.)

Harrison was nominated as the Whig candidate for President in 1836, against Van Buren. Although he lost, he became the prime Whig candidate four years later, running again against Van Buren. The story of his

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campaign, election and death follows here and tells of Perrysburg's major involvement in the story.

The Panic of 1837 did Martin Van Buren no favors. The economy was a disaster, with high inflation, unemployment and business failures. Van Buren was reluctant to take corrective action, and his mis-management of the economic crisis was drawing heavy criticism. The Whigs saw an opportunity against this aristocratic President. (Who says history doesn't repeat itself?) A Democratic newspaper called Harrison a hard cider drinking rough westerner with no graces, living in a log cabin. This description gave the Whigs just the theme and slogan they wanted, despite the fact that Harrison was a teetotaler from one of the first families of Virginia.

The E.C. Booz Distillery (birth of a new word) created bottles shaped like log cabins, and filled them with hard cider. The Whigs mass-marketed their candidate against their foppish, perfumed dandy opponent.

Harrison took to the campaign trail in earnest, eloquently making his case, and drawing huge crowds wherever he went. At every stop, log cabins were hauled on wagons leading parades, and the hard cider was free.

Van Buren was held up as a foppish

dandy with a gold spoon in his mouth and no sympathy for the working classes. Ohio was the Buckeye state, and this became Harrison's symbol. After a large campaign appearance in Columbus, the meeting closed with a resolution that all the young men of the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, plan to meet at Fort Meigs, near Perrysburg, in May to celebrate Harrison's momentous defeat of the British 26 years earlier. Buckeye logs were dragged in from every county in Ohio to make a huge log cabin on the grounds of the remains of Fort Meigs. The Fort Meigs campaign meeting was worthy of the title "most remarkable political gathering ever witnessed in this country."

It must be remembered that travel and facilities were very limited in those days, and Fort Meigs and Perrysburg were on the Frontier. The assembled crowd was estimated at between 50,000 and 60,000 persons. They came from all parts of the country. Sixteen steamboats came up the river, loaded beyond their capacity. Military companies and a large number of bands were present. Every house and outhouse near and in Perrysburg were loaded with weary men who had traveled hundreds of miles to join in the celebration. All local wells were pumped dry, and thousands slept on the ground and in the woods. Thus was inaugurated and successfully concluded the

greatest political demonstration, all things considered, ever witnessed on the continent.

Harrison was elected overwhelmingly. He took the oath of office on March 4, 1841, a cold and wet day. He delivered the longest inaugural address in American history—8,500 words that took two hours—wearing no hat or coat. Tradition has it this experience caused his death 31 days later, of pneumonia, but this is not true. He was the oldest elected president until Reagan, and served the shortest term.

According to legend, the "Curse of Tecumseh" was placed on Harrison, that supposedly would cause the death of every

president elected in a year ending in "zero." This "zero-year curse" obviously applied to Harrison's death, elected in 1840, as well as the next six "zero-year" presidents: Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley, Harding, Franklin Roosevelt and Kennedy. Reagan's survival of an assassination attempt seems to have broken the curse, and Bush escaped it altogether.

Thus ends the story of President and General William Henry Harrison, his great impact on the history of this nation, and most particularly on our Perrysburg. I trust now that Harrison Rally Day will have a little more meaning for all of us.

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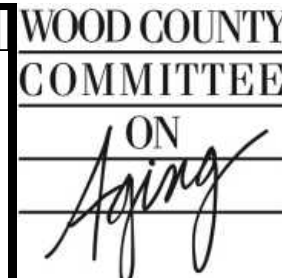
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Colorful sights to fill the sky for 2019 Glass City Balloon Race

The 2019 Glass City Balloon Race returns Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28, featuring colorful sights and flights in the skies of Rossford.

Balloon flights on two days, a pilot “meet and greet” and evening “glows” are the main attractions at the family-friendly event at U.S. Route 20 and Crossroads Parkway.

The two-day event will take place from 4 to 11 p.m. on Friday, and from 3 to 11 p.m. on Saturday.

Medical Mutual is the grand event sponsor and Sky Zone is the presenting sponsor, according to Beth Genson, executive director of the

Rossford Convention and Visitors Bureau, which is planning the event.

Visitors can enjoy 20 food trucks, children’s inflatables and carnival rides, helicopter rides, fireworks, area vendors, live music and a beer garden.

Events will take place in the Crossroads area behind Meijer.

Visitors should bring chairs to watch the balloon flights and glows.

There are 10 hot air balloon pilots from around the Toledo area who will launch at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Mrs. Genson explained.

Live music on both nights

will be interspersed with balloon “glows” each night at 8 p.m.

“Evening glows, where the balloons light up the field, will take place after the evening flights,” she added.

Fireworks, sponsored by Meijer, will take place both nights at 9 p.m., with bands taking the stage afterward for more music.

Parking and admission are free.

Shuttle service is provided from the outer ring of the parking lots in front of Meijer through the old Giant Eagle store.

Handicapped parking will be available at the west end of the Meijer building.

Balloon Race schedule

Friday, September 27

- 4 to 11 p.m.
- Food trucks
- Festival vendors
- Children’s rides and activities

4 to 6:15 p.m.—Music by Another Life

5:30 p.m.—Balloon ascension

6:45 to 8 p.m.—Music by Mustang Sally

8 p.m.—Balloon Glow

9 p.m.—Fireworks

9:30 to 10:45 p.m.—Music by Mustang Sally

Saturday, September 28

3 to 11 p.m.

- Food trucks
- Festival vendors
- Children’s rides and activities

3:30 to 4:30 p.m.—Balloon pilot meet and greets on the field

4 to 6:10 p.m.—Music by the New Fashioned

5:30 p.m.—Balloon ascension

6:40 - 8 p.m.—Music by the Menus

8 p.m.—Balloon Glow

9 p.m.—Fireworks

9:30 - 10:50 p.m.—Music by the Menus
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High energy bands to perform during Balloon fest



Tobi Lee &
Mustang Sally

Above, Mustang Sally will perform on Friday evening during the Balloon Fest. Below are the Menus, who will take the stage Saturday evening.

Among the entertainment at the Glass City Balloon Fest will be live concerts on both Friday and Saturday evenings.

The concerts will take place in the field next to Total Sports parking lot and will be adjacent to a beer garden and other activities.

Performances on both nights will take place before and after the balloon "glows."

On Friday, from 6:45 to 8 p.m., and again from 9:30 to 10:45 p.m., Mustang Sally will take the stage.

The band has performed alongside high profile names such as Montgomery Gentry, Gretchen Wilson, Big & Rich, and Blake Shelton, in addition to being demanded worldwide as fair and festival headliners.

Mustang Sally has been described as "what happens when you throw Alabama and Lynyrd Skynyrd in a blender, add a dash of Comedy Central and a hint of Lady Gaga."

On Saturday from 6:40 to 8 p.m. and 9:30 to 10:50 p.m., the Menus will perform.

The band promises that if the audience "leaves a Menus concert without the dancing, laughing and entertainment of a lifetime, the Menus didn't succeed in their goals, but this rarely happens."

The Menus were established in 1983 with the name being developed by the original guitar player who collected menus from restaurants.

From early on, lead singer Tim Goldrainer has established a groundbreaking performance to continue business at the height of their career.

From 1983 to 1989 as the band progressed, they began a new era. New artists were introduced with additional variations in music.

The Menus are now going on 37 years of rock 'n' roll.

Both concerts are free, but VIP seating is available for Friday evening that includes drinks, snacks, up-front viewing area, private bars, restrooms, parking and a chance to win a hot air balloon ride for two.

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Area residents can buy a chance to win a balloon ride for two at the Glass City Balloon Race 2019.

The winner will have the opportunity for themselves and a guest (maximum combined weight of 450 pounds) to ride in a hot air balloon for the evening flight on Friday, September 27, at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 per chance or five for \$20. The balloon ride is valued at \$600.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.GlassCityBalloonRace-RossfordOhio.com.

The winner will be chosen in a random drawing on September 21, and contacted by phone and email.

In the event that winner is unable to be contacted by September 23, another winner will be chosen. Riders will be required to sign

liability waivers.

A limited number of VIP tickets also are available on the event website.

A \$20 ticket for the VIP experience on Friday, September 27, from 5 to 10 p.m., allows guests to experience the balloon race from a whole new perspective—on the balloon field.

The VIP ticket provides access to the VIP tent located on the field, a front row spot for the balloon ascension and glow, food by Country Lane BBQ, two drink tickets for the VIP bars and access to the front of the stage for Mustang Sally

Also, VIP ticket holders will be entered into the drawing to win a hot air balloon ride for two.

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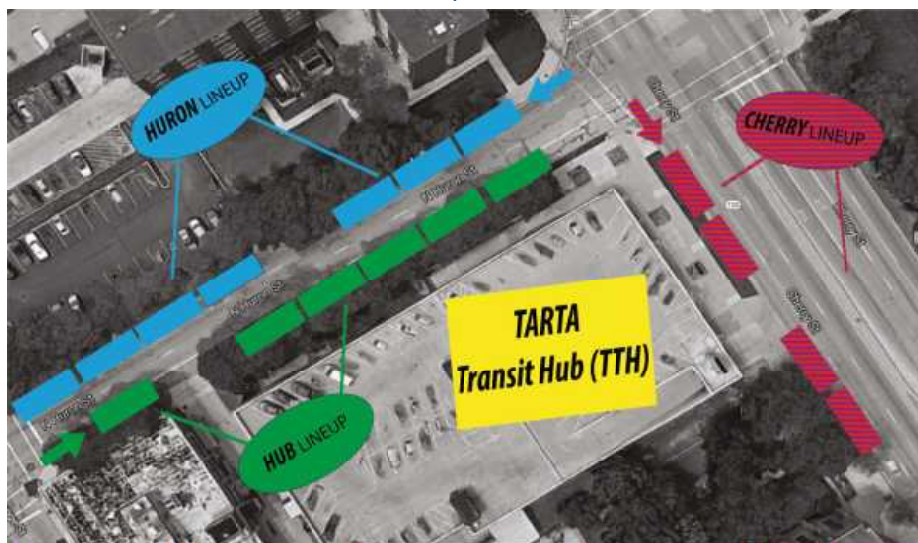
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