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Malzahn Family Fund awards \$182,000 to Perry-area nonprofits

\$65,000 in scholarships available to Noble County students

The trustees of the Malzahn Family Affiliated Fund at the Oklahoma City Community



OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Frontier and Billings high schools who attend or plan to attend a vocational technical school.

Interested applicants

can learn more at occf.academicworks.com and search by keyword: Noble.

Late Perry residents and Ditch Witch founders Ed and Mary Malzahn established the Malzahn Family Affiliated Fund at the Oklahoma City

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Foundation are pouring more financial support into the Noble County community, even in the face of a tough economic year.

A total of \$182,000 was recently awarded to nine Noble County nonprofits and civic organizations, and another \$65,000 in scholarships is now available to Noble County graduating high school seniors.

Students must submit applications online for the two Malzahn Family Fund scholarship opportunities no later than Mar. 1, 2021.

Opportunities include an award up to \$5,000 available to high school seniors graduating from Perry, Morrison, Frontier and Billings high schools who plan to enroll in undergraduate studies, and an award up to \$3,000 available to graduates or high school seniors graduating from Perry, Morrison,

EMS calls decrease in 2020;

call volume impacted by COVID-19

Russell Brand
Perry Fire Chief

In 2020, Perry Fire Department personnel responded to 921 Emergency Medical Service calls and responded to 148 Fire calls.

EMS call volume was decreased from last year, which were 965 EMS calls. Fire calls increased from 2019; which were 136 fire calls.

It is noted there was a dramatic decrease in call volume when the COVID-19 pandemic numbers ramped up. There were 6 - 8 weeks where call volume was very minimal in late spring/early summer of 2020.

There is no data available that explains the decrease during this period.

A list of capital improvements made for calendar year 2020 are as follows:

- A 2020 Ford Expedition, an emergency response unit, funded in part by Ponca Gaming was presented to the PFD. This emergency response unit responds to provide care if no ambulance is available due to other EMS calls.
• A ZOLL Cardiac Monitor funded in part by Ponca Gaming was placed in service in the Emergency Response Unit.
• A LUCAS Automated Chest Compression Unit, funded in part by Ponca Gaming, was also placed in service in the Emergency Response Unit.
• Twenty-three complete sets of structural fire-fighting gear and 23 sets of wildland/extrication

gear funded by the Malzahn Family Affiliated Fund and presented to the PFD.

• PFD was also presented with twenty-three Kenwood handheld radios with lapel mics, holsters and straps



Fire Chief Russell Brand

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Dane Lemmon

PFD welcomes Dane Lemmon as new recruit

Editor's note: This article is the third, and final, in a short series introducing new firefighters joining the Perry Fire Department team. Dane Lemmon is one of three firefighters.

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New firefighter/EMT Dane Lemmon recently joined the Perry Fire Department after finding a surprising passion for the service.

Lemmon grew up in the small town of Cushing, OK small town, where he was born and raised.

He moved to Hot Springs, AR his Junior year and started in trade work. He graduated from Fountain Lake Charter School in 2019 and came back to Oklahoma.

Lemmon attended Meridian Technology for his EMT class, where he met Perry Fire Chief Russell Brand.

Brand was his EMT instructor. Lemmon shared Brand was very enthusiastic and made him enjoy the class and learning.

"I loved it from the start," Lemmon expressed. He went on to say, "I didn't always want to be a firefighter/EMT. I just wanted a change and kinda

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Today's Prayer

When Jesus saw His mother there and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on this disciple took her into his home.

John 19:26-27

Father, thank you that I am Jesus' priority and nothing will stop Him from caring for me. Amen

Coming Events

Wednesday, January 27
Perry Senior Citizen Center is open from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday, January 29
Perry Senior Citizen Center is open from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Thursday, January 28
Perry Senior Citizen Center is open from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Monday, February 1
Perry Senior Citizen Center is open from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Community Soup Kitchen, To-Go meals 5:30-6 p.m., FUMC, Fellowship Hall, 727 Elm St

Tuesday, February 2
Perry Senior Citizen Center is

open from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, February 3
Perry Senior Citizen Center is open from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday, February 5
Perry Senior Citizen Center is open from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Thursday, February 4
Perry Senior Citizen Center is open from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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