



Friends Newsletter

Winter of 2025

Hello Friends,

Since 2004, the Friends of the Parks of Perry Township are proud to continue our mission to help maintain our parks and help to facilitate fundraising. With the new park improvements listed here in our newsletter, new visitors, residents of the Town of Perry, and members of the Friends are taking an increasingly committed role in the promotion, maintenance and use of the Town Parks; the Daleyville Community Park and the Hauge Historic District Park.

The Friends of the Parks of Perry Township held their annual meeting on Saturday, June 15, 2024. I am honored and glad to announce that Larry Price, Don Mueller, Gary Boley, Sue Klein Kennedy, Brad Grundahl, and Phoebe Blackman, will join me in staying on as directors of the Friends of the Parks of Perry Township in 2024.

Officers are:   Mick Klein Kennedy-President  
                    Don Mueller-Vice President  
                    Larry Price-Treasurer  
                    Phoebe Blackman-Secretary

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of the Friends of the Parks of Perry Township! There have been lots of exciting things happening in our Parks this past year, please check out the rest of this newsletter for our updates on what has been happening, and what will be happening in the future.

Mick Klein Kennedy, President Friends of the Parks of Perry Township  
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Thanks to Gerhard Luetschwager!

We would like to thank Gerhhard for his many years of service as a Director for the Friends of the Parks of Perry Township. Gerhard stepped away from being Director in 2023, and we are all honored to have been able to work with him and have the benefit of his enthusiastic and unwavering support for the Parks of Perry Township! Thank you, Gerhard, for your many years of service to the Friends.

Projects completed since our last Newsletter.

1. Additional pavers added to the Heritage Circle.
2. Completion of a restroom in the Hauge Historic District Park.
3. Hauge Historic District Park named Pollinator Pathway
4. On-going Astronomy Class Field trip to Historic District Park by Middleton-Cross Plains School District Clark Street Community School.
5. On-going Wisconsin Kites Club giant kite flying in Historic District Park.
6. Continued interest by residents to pursue new grant opportunities to purchase and install additional playground equipment for the Daleyville Community Park. Thank you to Michael Murphy for his work looking into options and pricing for future playground equipment for the Daleyville Community Park.

A big thank you goes out to the Town of Perry Parks and Open Space Committee, chaired by Doug King, and members Jeff Kahl, Colleen Kittleson, Michele Kittleson, Secretary, and Nina Fink for helping to turn these projects into reality.

Volunteers from the Friends of the Parks of Perry Township are proud to have assisted the Parks and Open Space Committee with drawings, input, etc. for the preparation of submittals needed for many of the approvals for these projects, and for the actual installation of these projects.

Heritage Circle Paver Fundraising Project

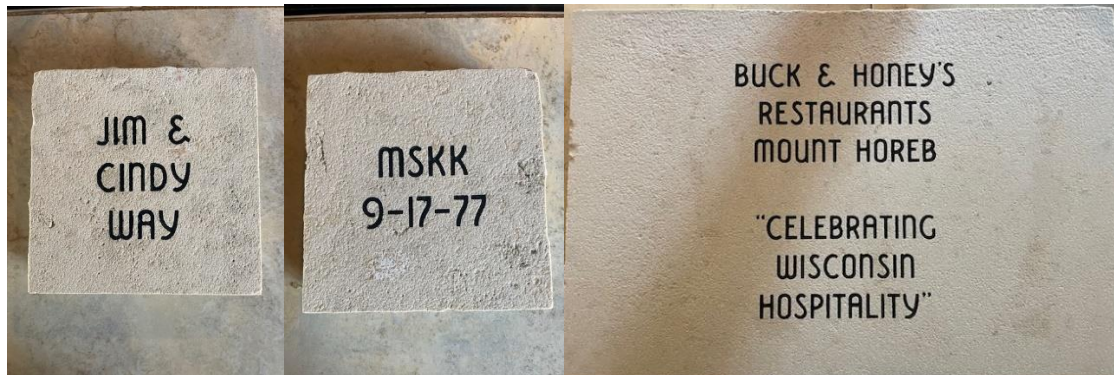
We added three new donor pavers this year in the Heritage Circle Paver Area.

The Heritage Circle construction was completed in June of 2022. We are planning another paver sale fundraising effort here in 2025.

Forever an important part of the completion of the Heritage Circle included creation of a hand-made replica of a traditional Norwegian Sun symbol. The symbol was exhibited at the Livsreise Norwegian Heritage Center in Stoughton Wisconsin, on tour from the Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum in Decorah, Iowa. The copyright was subsequently released upon request of the Parks and Open Space Committee to the Friends by the Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum for permanent display as a centerpiece in the Heritage Circle.

The Norwegian Sun Symbol means “Bringing light and warmth into human lives for good forces, good fortune, safety, and creation of new life in fields, flocks and family”.

The following photos below show the Norwegian Sun symbol, the Heritage Circle paver area, and the three new pavers that were installed in 2024.



The Heritage Circle is open to everyone. By purchasing a paver, you will join others who, over the years, have helped support the protection and preservation of the Hauge Log Church National Historic site. The Heritage Circle includes pavers inscribed with names and messages honoring individuals, families, veterans, organizations, and those who have cherished this place as well as those who might not have seen it. There are five sizes available at corresponding levels of donation.

We have included an order form for those who wish to order a paver. **PLEASE SEE ORDER FORMS ATTACHED:**

All paver pricing includes the paver and engraving of your personal message. After we pay for the pavers and the engraving, one hundred percent of every dollar remaining from the purchase of your paver to be included in the Heritage Circle will go to retirement of the Town's debt incurred in the creation of the Park.

### Wisconsin Kites Club Continues its love for the Historic District Park to fly Giant Kites

The Historic District Park is a favorite destination for kites from around Dane County because of the park's elevation, steady wind, and views. Some giant kites, up to 15 feet wide, and 50 feet long, were tested by the club. They required two-thousand-pound test lines anchored into the ground with a sledgehammer. Pictured is Mike Sherman, President of the Wisconsin Kites Club, test launching one of the club's giant kites.



## Restroom For Hauge Historic District Park Completed in the fall of 2023

The Wisconsin DNR awarded the Town of Perry a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant, and the restroom was installed in the park in the fall of 2023. Thank you to Doug King for his work in writing three grant applications, and for staying with the process for three years, culminating in this award to the Town in February 2023.

The Site preparation work including excavation, assistance in installing the new restroom, finished site work, including finished gravel accessible parking stall, accessible path to the restroom, and finish grading, seeding and mulching was done by Town Patrolman Mark Eastman, and by the crew from Wisconsin Landscapes, Inc. The restroom building was set with a crane from the manufacturer. See photos of the restroom and work below.





The new restroom will allow park visitors to spend longer periods of time visiting the park, and with the exterior purposely designed to resemble the architecture of the Hauge Log Church, the Hauge Historic District Park and the Hauge Log Church Historic site now share one architectural theme.

We also want to thank Margie King for her artwork on hand painting the trash barrel that sits next to the new restroom. Beautiful work, Margie!!

## PERRY'S HAUGE HISTORIC PARK NAMED TO POLLINATOR PATHWAY



The Town of Perry's Hauge Historic District Park has been designated as a "pollinator pathway" by the International Pollinator Pathway Project.

A pollinator pathway is a migration route for pollinators such as bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies. Some of the routes, like those of the monarch butterfly, extend across entire continents.

Many thanks to Doug King in his efforts to make this happen!!

### **New Informational Markers.**

The Friends of the Parks Perry Township will also be raising money for new informational markers. The original ones are in need of replacement, so in renewing your annual membership, please designate if you would like your membership dues, and any additional donation you may like to make, to be used towards the purchase of two new informational markers.

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## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025

### Friends Annual Meeting

The Friends 2025 Annual Meeting will be held on **June 21st, 2025**. The agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting.

### Playground equipment for Daleyville Community Park

Work will continue to research and work on grant applications for additional playground equipment for Daleyville Park. If you have any feedback or would like to help with this project either by making a donation to the playground equipment fund, or help with procurement and installation please call Mick Klein Kennedy at 608-843-3297, or email at [mick@wisconsinlandscapes.com](mailto:mick@wisconsinlandscapes.com).

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Maintenance work at the parks

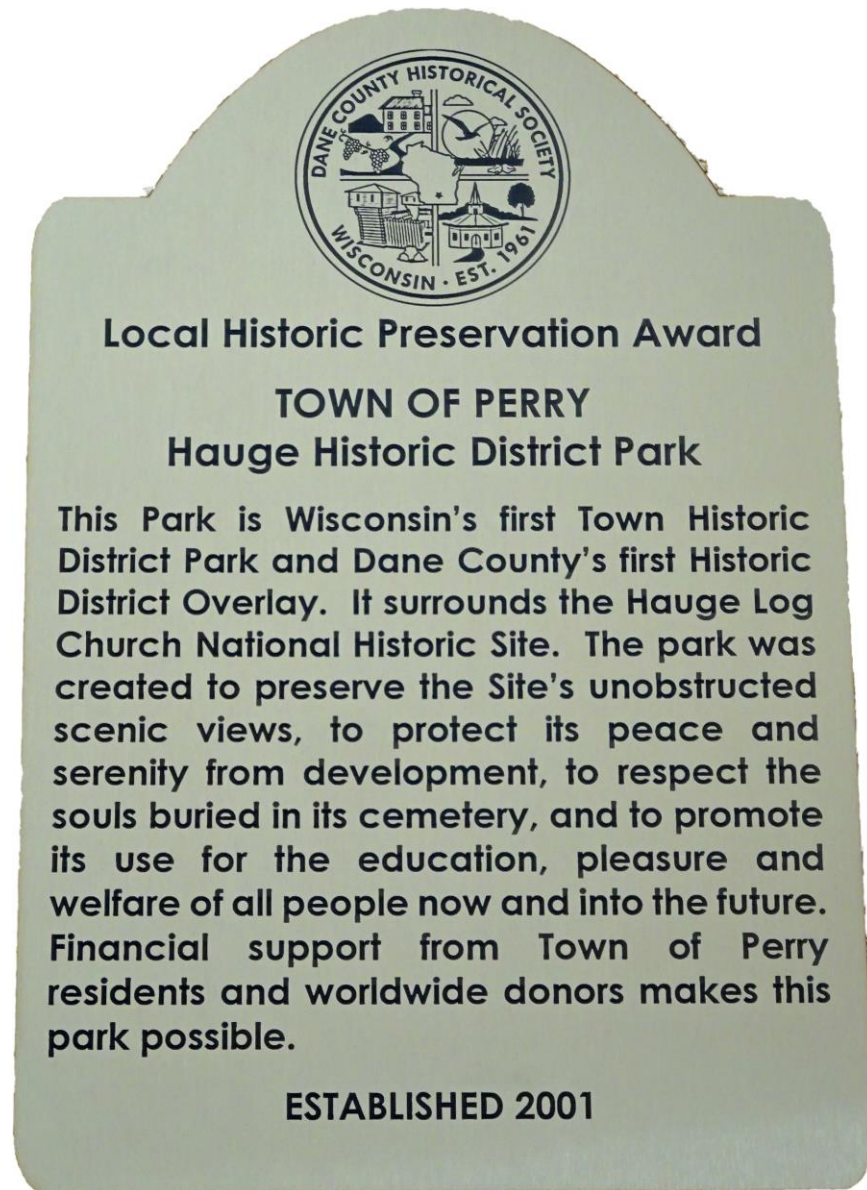
The Friends will once again be performing ongoing maintenance work in the parks. We would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped with work over the last year. One major priority for Spring of 2025 is to replenish the playground chips at the swing set area at Daleyville Community Park.

A special thanks to Town of Perry and Road Patrolman Mark Eastman for the assistance that we continue to receive from him. Mark’s timely work has helped with many tasks, and especially the control of the wild parsnip, installation of signage, and maintenance of the restored prairie areas. He has also done a great job with the difficult task of keeping the Historic District Park entrance road and parking lot open in the winter for skiers and snowshoers. We also want to thank Mark Eastman, and Doug King for keeping the restroom clean and “well-stocked”!

And thanks again to Gary Boley and Pat Harper for their yearly work on mowing down the wild parsnip on the lands east of Hwy Z; their yearly effort has paid big dividends in the battle against the wild parsnip on their former property they transferred to the Town for the park.

Special thanks to Doug King for his work in completion and installation of the signage in the Parks and the brush removal along the fence between the Historic Site and the park, restoring the view of Blue Mounds from the Historic Site and the view of the Hauge Log Church from the Historic District Park.

Dane County Historic Marker installation.



Our plan is to install the Historic Marker on to a large limestone rock and install near the Heritage Circle, close to the Informational marker at that location.

We are planning to install this in the Spring of 2025.

The Prairie Grasses at the Hauge Historic District Park really put on quite a show this winter!!



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## Friends Historic District Park Support Fund

We continue to help the Town of Perry Fundraising Committee by maintaining a separate account called the "Historic District Park Support Fund" to receive charitable donations aimed solely at retiring the debt that the Town of Perry incurred in acquiring land for the Hauge Historic District Park that now surrounds and protects the Hauge Log Church National Historic Site. We are proud to be continuing as the 501(c) (3) nonprofit that will act as a conduit for those who wish to make a tax-deductible donation.

Doug Nelson, Chair, and the other members of the Town of Perry Fundraising Committee are hard at work collecting pledges. The Committee has received more than \$250,000 in pledges. Information about the fund and how you can help can be obtained by contacting Doug at (608) 527-3274 or e-mail at [dnelson@aecf.org](mailto:dnelson@aecf.org). We encourage our readers and members to consider joining this important community effort to support the town and the Hauge Historic District Park. All donations are tax deductible. Checks can be sent to the Historic District Park Support Fund, c/o Larry Price Fundraising Committee Treasurer, 1004 HWY 78, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572-3044

## Friends Website/Park Literature

We want to thank Doug King for renewing our web site domain again this year. Thank you for that, Doug! The website is available at <http://www.friendsofperryparks.org/>. It has been updated to link to the Friends new email addresses. Also, Doug King again this year has volunteered many hours promoting the Hauge Historic District Park in many state, regional and local publications and tour maps.  
See: <http://www.haugehistoricdistrictpark.org/>.

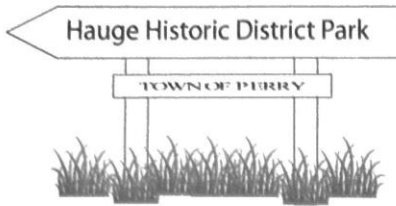
We also want to thank Doug King for keeping the Park brochure holders stocked all year long!!!

## Membership renewals

We have established an annual renewal date for membership in the Friends of the Parks of Perry Township. Our new renewal date will be December 1 of each year. So those of you who can renew this year, that would be greatly appreciated. Our membership renewal form is included in this newsletter.

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## Town of Perry Hauge Historic District Park Heritage Circle Fundraising Paver Order Form

The Heritage Circle is open to anyone. By purchasing a paver, you will join others who over the years have helped support the protection and preservation of the Hauge Log Church Historic site. The Heritage Circle will include pavers inscribed with names and messages honoring individuals, families, veterans, organizations, and those who have cherished this place as well as those who might never have seen it. There are five sizes available at corresponding levels of donation.

- 6-inch x 6-inch paver accommodating 3 lines of text and a maximum of 8 characters per line.
  - 6-inch x 12-inch paver accommodating 3 lines of text and a maximum of 16 characters per line.
  - 12-inch x 12-inch paver accommodating 7 lines of text and a maximum of 16 characters per line.
  - 18-inch x 12-inch paver accommodating 7 lines of text with a maximum of 24 characters per line.
  - 18-inch x 18-inch paver accommodating 10 lines of text with a maximum of 24 characters per line.
- PLEASE NOTE: SPACES AND PUNCTUATION COUNT AS CHARACTERS.

Please indicate which size paver you would like to order by marking the corresponding box and completing all the information below. Please complete one order form per paver. There is a limited number of pavers available to construct the Heritage Circle. To ensure your paver will be among future installations, please reserve it by placing an order **At your earliest convenience. Construction of the circle was completed in spring of 2022, but we will be having additional drives for new paver orders on an on-going basis, and then we will add any new paver into the circle as they come in.**

6x6 Paver - \$100	6x12 Paver - \$200	12x12 Paver - \$350	18x12 Paver - \$500	18x18 Paver - \$800
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Please make all checks payable to the: **Friends of The Parks of Perry Township.**  
 Please mail all checks and order forms to: **Friends of The Parks of Perry Township  
 c/o Larry Price, Treasurer  
 1004 State Road 78  
 Mt. Horeb, WI 53572**

Charitable contributions received by the Town of Perry as part of fundraising associated with the Heritage Circle will be used in their entirety to help retire the debt incurred by the Town to create the Historic District Park that surrounds and protects the Historic Site. All donations are tax-deductible. The Town will review paver submissions for approval.

For all inquiries regarding the fundraising pavers please call Mick Klein Kennedy at (608) 843-3297 or reach him by email at [mick@wisconsinlandscapes.com](mailto:mick@wisconsinlandscapes.com).

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