Perkins launches digital cemetery database

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PERKINS TWP. — An online database tracking the whereabouts of those buried within Perkins Township Cemetery recently went live.

Anyone with Internet access can log on to the township's website and view precise locations of roughly 2,000 grave sites, all located off Milan Road near Ohio 2.

The long-awaited database, first proposed earlier this year, offers other interesting information for individuals, such as a specific person's burial date and religious faith. The software program totaled about $2,600 in public funds.

"This user-friendly search allows the public to research grave locations, genealogy and burial information," said Vikki Fritz, the township's highway department administrative assistant. "A map has also been added to show the location of a burial in reference to the cemetery."

Township officials welcome feedback from the public.

"A nice feature added to the website is a link where an individual can send genealogy information to our office by email, and we can update missing information directly to the website," Fritz said.

Searching the cemetery records
Perkins Township Cemetery's new online database offers more than just a guide to pinpoint the locations of those buried there.
If available, the website also provide a person's
• Year of birth
• Date of death
• Date of burial
• Age
• Gender
• If they served in the military and, if so, what branch
• Religious faith
• Funeral home
• Ethnic background