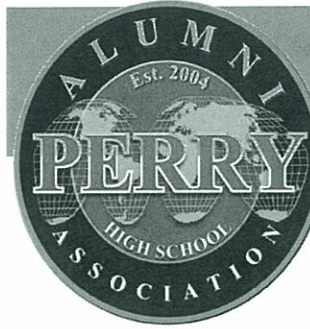


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### **Rick Amos An Acknowledgement of his Service**

In August, 2004, the Perry High School Alumni Association was founded and Mr. Rick Amos (Class of '68) served on our first board of directors. He has served three terms as Board President. This June, Rick steps down as current President to serve as our Past President. Over the past 7 years he has led our Association with direction, vision, and a pride for Perry.

Over the years, Rick has witnessed our Alumni Association evolve from its infancy to a stabilized, growing organization. He states, "The first couple of years we were finding our way. The strength of our leadership is very good and will allow the Association to be relevant in the years to come." Since 2003, our membership has grown, and Rick has led our Association as we have worked hard to fulfill the initial vision of the Alumni Association—to provide scholarships to the next generation and to be a resource for our Perry High School alumni. Rick states, "It was most important that we have a scholarship program. It is one of the things that gives us a tangible purpose and focus. I'm proud that we have been able to do this from almost the beginning. The next goal was for us to be an important resource for all alumni...by offering networking opportunities and through newsletters that keep alumni informed about our school and other alumni."

Under Rick's leadership, the Association has organized the Signature Event, which is an All-Class Reunion. This event has assisted classes with their reunion planning. Amos states, "We have been able to help classes know what to do to have a reunion and for those classes that couldn't get the 'numbers' to have one, we have the All-Class Reunion that has and will allow those small groups to be able to get together." This year's event will be on September 17th. The Classes of 1961, 1966 and 1971 will be celebrating their reunions at this event.

Mr. Amos is very proud of being a Perry Pirate. He reminisces, "I remember my Mom telling me that for

a guy getting ready to go off to college she couldn't believe that I was still sad that I had to leave high school. I loved my time in Perry Schools and have loved my time in the community. Perry has been and so far continues to be a special place, and I hope in some way the Alumni Association can help preserve the culture that has made Perry a unique place for so many." It's Rick's hope that the Alumni Association will be a strong advocate for Perry Schools on issues where the system would need the support from its alumni.

Rick and his wife Susan have been married for 19 years and reside in Perry. When not busy with alumni and community commitments, he enjoys spending time with his 3 grandchildren. Rick has served Perry in so many ways, and we truly appreciate all of his efforts, dedication and hard work he gives to our schools and community.

Chandice Albrecht Richards '97  
President



### **Engraved Brick Order**

Personalized paving bricks can be ordered for \$40 each. The bricks are incorporated in the sidewalk in front of the home bleachers at Alumni Stadium. The bricks can only be engraved with the names of former Perry High School students, teams, clubs/ organizations or Perry School staff. Submit this form and payment to: Perry Alumni Association, PO Box 148, Perry, OH 44081.

#### **Engraved Brick Order Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Brick orders are held for an annual sidewalk modification and are subject to brick vendor production schedule.

## Upcoming Alumni Events

### Alumni Picnic

**Wednesday, August 10, 2011 - 5:00 p.m.** the PHS Alumni Association will once again host the Annual Alumni Picnic. The picnic will take place on Wednesday, August 10th at 5:00 p.m. at Perry Township Park. The Alumni Association will provide delicious hamburgers and hot dogs and your place settings. Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. The concession stand will be available. Free Howie will perform from 7 - 9:00 p.m. Plan to come out and enjoy a nice evening at the park with fellow schoolmates!



### Signature Event 2011 All Class Reunion Saturday, September 17, 2011—5:00 p.m.

The **2011 All Class Reunion** will be held **Saturday, September 17, 2011** at the Perry Township Community Center. **R.S.V.P by September 1st using the form below.** The doors open at 5:00 p.m., with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Anyone who ever attended Perry Schools or worked in the district is welcome to attend. If your class would like to hold its reunion in conjunction with the All Class Reunion, please feel free to contact Linda Krivanek Clark at 440.428.2643, or lindaclark@ncweb.com. It's a great way to get

R.S.V.P. by 9/1  
2011 All Class Reunion Dinner  
BYOB, or beer and memorabilia.  
Reservations are required to attend the PHS Reunion Dinner so that we can plan accordingly. Send this portion along with your check payable to the PHS Alumni Association by September 1st to: PO Box 148, Perry, OH 44081.

### Class of 1986 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion

The Class of '86 will hold their 25<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6 p.m. The Reunion will be held at Pickle Bill's in Grand River. The event will be a buffet dinner and cash bar. The cost of the dinner will be \$25 per person. If you plan to eat, you need to pay in advance! Also, we are still looking for contact information for the following classmates: Darlene Beyer, Tom Cerjan, Joseph Grace, Jeffrey Grant, Jeffrey Hammer, Barbara Harvey, Teresa Hudson, Don Klosterman, Edward Krug, Bob Matthews, Craig Mills, Sonya Morrow, Veronica Myers, Jack Pettit, Dawn Pierson, Chris Reho, Chris Sency, Rosemary Speers, Rick Swogger, Tom Thompson and Anne Walter. Please contact Mellonie Platko at (440)259-3833 or (440)537-8812. RSVP to Mellonie by July 31, 2011.

together without the hassle of renting a hall or hiring a caterer as the Alumni Association takes care of most of the details. Three classes are joining us this year to celebrate their own special reunions! Fifty years for the Class of '61, 45 years for the class of 1966 and 40 years for the Class of '71. Their reunion coordinators are: Class of '61 - Carole Compton Martin at 440-259-2257 or [carole@neffp.com](mailto:carole@neffp.com), Class of '71 — Scott Hoyt at 440-259-2749 or [hoytkahty@yahoo.com](mailto:hoytkahty@yahoo.com). Class of '66 - Frank Petrus at 259-3411. If you have any information for the following from the Class of '66 please contact Frank: Karen Theilan Buckless, William Albert Haggerty, David John Kovalsky, Joseph Rudolph Polovich, James Lee Swanson, Constance Marie Whiting.

**Please enclose payment with your reservation.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_



## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Ritley Run – Fun Walk & Touchdown Dash

Proceeds will benefit the Bob Ritley Memorial Scholarship & the Perry Athletic Hall of Fame  
**Saturday, September 24, 2011**

**Perry High School**  
One Success Blvd., Perry, OH

**Race/Walk begin at 9:00 a.m.**

*Touchdown Dash to Follow the Finish of the 5K/1.5-Mile Walk*

The Bob Ritley Memorial & Perry Athletic Hall of Fame Run started in 2004 in memory of our long-time Perry High School football coach and teacher, Bob Ritley, who lost a enduring battle with cancer in 2003. To date, over \$25,000 in scholarship awards have been given to area seniors that exemplify qualities that honor Coach Ritley. The Ritley family and the Perry Athletic Hall of Fame invite you to join with them to honor our beloved coach and friend at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Ritley Run.

**Race Overview:** The race will begin at the Perry High School clock tower; it will continue through the school campus and Perry Village, and runners will finish on the Alumni Stadium football field. The 5K Run & 1.5-Mile Walk will begin at 9:00 a.m., and the Touchdown Dash will follow their finish. Registration is \$20 for the 5K Run, \$15 for the 1.5-Mile Walk, and the Touchdown Dash is free. The entire family is encouraged to participate. *The first 200 5K/Walk entrants are guaranteed a race t-shirt.* Please pre-register by September 17, 2011. Refreshments will be available after the race, and times will be given at each mile marker. There will be awards for the Top 3 5K Overall Finishers (male & female) and Top 3 5K finishers (male & female) in each age group: 14 & under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & over.

**Touchdown Dash:** 100-yard dash on field at conclusion of 5K for children 12 years and younger. Free for all, prizes for all! Please indicate on the entry form the number of children participating.

**\*\*EACH PARTICIPANT MUST FILL OUT A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM—This form can be copied\*\***

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE** on race day: \_\_\_\_\_ **HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY/STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHOOSE ONE:** **5K RUN \$20** **1.5-MILE WALK \$15** **DONATION ONLY**

**T-SHIRT SIZE:** YS YM YL S M L XL XXL **SEX:** MALE FEMALE

Release: In consideration of the acceptance of my entry fee, I, for myself, my executors, administrators and assignees, do hereby release and discharge Perry Local Schools, Perry Pirate Booster Club, and all individuals, whatsoever, in any manner arising or growing out of participating in said event. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event.

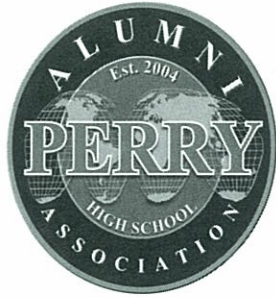
Participant Must Sign (if under 18, guardian must sign) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK #:** \_\_\_\_\_ Made Payable to: *Perry Pirate Booster Club*

**MAIL REGISTRATION TO:**  
Chandice Richards  
4745 Riverwood Drive  
Madison, OH 44057

**TOUCHDOWN DASH** (no cost) \_\_\_\_\_ # of participants

Any questions, concerns, or interested in corporate sponsorships, e-mail [chandicerichards@att.net](mailto:chandicerichards@att.net).



## Perry High School Alumni Association

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

Mail completed form to the above address  
Make checks payable to: PHS Alumni Association

For additional information contact:  
Karen Koch Sundy, Membership Chair, 440-259-2413  
[pshalumniassoc@hotmail.com](mailto:pshalumniassoc@hotmail.com)

Purpose: To Support Alumni and School Endeavors

Membership Type: \_\_\_ Contributing - \$10.00 annual fee  
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**Ask us about scholarships for PHS graduates and children/grandchildren  
of Alumni, memorial bricks, and Alumni clothing!!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please **DO NOT** list my name on the Perry High School Alumni Association Website

**If you have already renewed for this year or are a lifetime member -  
Thank You! If you know other Alumni who might like to  
get this information please forward it to them.**

Please use this form to make an address change or  
any other changes you would like to make.

## Attention all Basketball Players...



The PHS Alumni Association is in the initial planning stages of organizing an Alumni Basketball game. If you are interested in playing (both male and female), coaching, refereeing, or helping plan this event, please email Chandice Richards at [drchandicerichards@att.net](mailto:drchandicerichards@att.net).

## Classmate and Teacher News

July 2011: Welcome! Perry Local Schools is now being led by a new superintendent, Dr. Jack Thompson. He is replacing our interim superintendent, Mr. Keith Thimons. As alumni, we are excited for the leadership that he will bring to Perry.

### June 2011: **CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES**

**John Dorko**—Mr. Dorko began his career in 1976. He was initially hired to teach health and physical education at Perry Middle School. He eventually became head basketball coach at Perry High School, and throughout his career, he has willingly coached as Perry needed him. Mr. Dorko coached wrestling, football and was the first ever girls' track coach. Approximately twelve years ago, Mr. Dorko transitioned to the role of athletic director at Perry High School. Having taught and coached thousands of Perry kids, Mr. Dorko has made an impact on thousands of Perry students and athletes in his long career. After 35 years of dedication to our students and community, he has been our advocate for Perry Pirate athletics at all levels, and he will truly be missed.

**Marcia Searson**—Mrs. Searson has worked at Perry schools since September 1997. She began as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, and then she moved to her current 1<sup>st</sup> grade teaching position. During her tenure at Perry Elementary, she has served on the Building Level Committee, Social Committee and LPDC. Mrs. Searson's most recent accomplishment is becoming a Mimio Trainer for our school district. She has had a positive impact on so many students throughout Perry Local Schools and has also touched the lives of other students across the state as she shared her technology skills with other teachers.

**Linda Flenner**—In 1991, Mrs. Linda Flenner began her employment with the Perry Schools. Mrs. Flenner worked in the elementary school for a number of years before becoming the receptionist at Perry High School in 2007. Since then, she has become the face and voice of PHS to thousands of students and parents. We appreciate her 21 years of service to the students, staff, and community of Perry.

**Time Capsule Hunt**—On June 4th several alumni and friends gathered at Center Road School in an effort to locate time capsules reportedly buried on the premises years ago. Chris McTaggart brought his metal detector to help find the locations. Although unable to find a time capsule, we did find rocks and pipes. Fun was had by all. If anyone knows where these time capsules are actually located, please contact the Alumni Association by email at: [pshalumniassociation@hotmail.com](mailto:pshalumniassociation@hotmail.com) or via regular mail to PO Box 148, Perry, OH 44081



Judy Miller Church '76, Nicki Truman Chiappone '70, Lynne Schulze -  
Transportation Supervisor, George Tarbuck - Assistant Superintendent,  
Carole Compton Martin '61, Shane Brown '78,  
Charlene Digman - Center Road Elementary School Secretary.

## Classmate and Teacher News – cont'd.

June 2011: **Ryan Harvey** '07 has joined the Marine Corps and will undergo 13 weeks of intense training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. Upon completion of recruit training, Ryan will attend one of 300 formal military occupational schools and start his life as a United States Marine.

April 2011: **Pat New** '80, has started a new venture, NEWGreen Legacy Services, Inc. in the old Neff Perkins facility in Perry. The business is a "green" initiative that will service the power industry in the US and Canada by decontaminating nuclear materials and equipment, and reconditioning nuclear motors pumps, valves and more. According to **Wally Siegel** '74, director of the Perry Economic Development Council

## 2011 PHS Alumni Association Scholarship Winners

The PHS Alumni Association is very proud to announce that we are giving **three** \$1,000 scholarships this year to area high school seniors. Students were chosen for their academic achievement and involvement in multiple community service activities. The 2011 PHS Alumni Scholarship winners are: **Abbie Clifford**, daughter of Cheri (McCoy) Clifford 1979 PHS graduate. **Ryan Beyer**, son of Barb (Vidmar) Beyer 1984 PHS graduate and Mike Beyer 1987 PHS graduate. **Jeffrey Swanson**, son of Elsie (Fleming) Swanson 1987 PHS graduate.

**Ryan Beyer** participates in Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Track, Band, NHS. Ryan has helped with fundraising at his church, volunteering daily at school as well as serving as a counselor for sixth grade camp.

and Perry Township administrator, "This is the biggest project we've had since the Perry (Nuclear Power) Plant." Pat worked for FirstEnergy for 26 years and recognized the need for a local facility to decontaminate equipment. How fortunate for Perry that he chose his hometown to start his new endeavor.

February 2011: **Mildred Kneisley Fisher** '30, the Alumni Association's oldest member, passed away on February 21, 2011 at the age of 99. She was also a teacher in the Perry School District from 1934 to 1944.

January 2011: **Jennifer Stevens** '07 is the recipient of the Charles A. Daily Family Scholarship from Mercyhurst College. She is a senior at Mercyhurst majoring in forensics-wildlife investigation

**Abbie Clifford** is an All-Star for the Cross Country and swim teams. Just a few of Abbie's community and school activities include singing in the Buccaneers Show Choir, volunteering in several classrooms and being involved in Leadership Lake County.

**Jeffrey Swanson** attends Geneva High School. He was the captain of the varsity soccer team and a district qualifier for the science fair. Jeffrey helps out in his community with the youth soccer program, Walk for the Cure, recycled newspapers and restoration of the soccer fields.

Any PHS high school senior is eligible to apply as well as any high school senior who is a PHS child or grandchild of an alumnus. Students must possess at 2.5 GPA or higher, plan to pursue post-secondary education and complete an essay responding to the question: "What have you done to make your school and/or community a better place?".

Susie Ritley McKoon, Director  
Scholarship Chair

## Welcome Class of 2011!!!

The PHS Alumni Association would like to extend a warm welcome to the PHS Class of 2011!!!! You will receive a free one year membership to the Perry Alumni Association. Some of the benefits of membership include, but are not limited to: networking with other PHS graduates, information in helping to plan class reunions, access to alumni newsletter and current news, happenings and special events with the Alumni Association. If you have any questions, you can reach us at: [phsalumniassoc@hotmail.com](mailto:phsalumniassoc@hotmail.com).

## Subscribe to Perry eNews

Perry eNews is one of Perry schools' newest communication tools. It's an electronic way of disseminating important school-related information to our community. For those who need to know what's happening in the Perry Local School District it is a way to provide information instantly via e-mail. This method of delivering news will also help to reduce the cost of producing and mailing the quarterly print newsletters. To receive regular updates through the new e-newsletter, please send your email address to: [pohlj@perry-lake.k12.oh.us](mailto:pohlj@perry-lake.k12.oh.us).

## Join the PHS Alumni Association Today

Our mission as the Perry High School Alumni Association is to provide the graduates of Perry with lifelong relationships with the school, students, faculty and staff, from both the past and present. Being a member of the Alumni Association allows you to stay connected to former classmates, to stay informed of the current happenings at the high school and allows the Association to be aware of your accomplishments and efforts in your life. Through our nominal annual membership fee and fundraising events, we have been able to award college scholarships to the next generation of deserving high school students and provided networking opportunities for our alumni through social events, newsletters, our website, and recently through Facebook.

Please join us in keeping the tradition and commitment of Perry High School alive by either renewing your membership or becoming a member of the Alumni Association. Your support will ensure an even brighter future for our Alma Mater and our children/grandchildren. Together we can make a difference because...Once a pirate, you are *always* a pirate.

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## A Walk Down Memory Lane

The Perry community had an opportunity to take "A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE" on March 20, 2011. The Alumni Association sponsored the event to allow anyone interested a chance to tour the buildings on Center Road and Main Street before they are razed this summer.

The attendance was incredible – several hundred, we estimate. It took many, many people to make this event such a success; from planning, to set-up, to event day and clean up. The day's events included: building tours, a "virtual" tour on DVD provided by Stan LeBail for those not wanting to actually walk through the buildings and entertainment by the Perry Jazz Band. There were photo opportunities provided by Stacey Martin Neer from Photos by Stacey and displays from Mary Platko and the Historical Society. A ceremony was held and included a welcome by Interim Superintendent, Keith Thimons, a bit of history by Rick Amos, an update on the remodeling of the Transportation Department by Lynne Schulze, guest speakers, Mayor Larry Logan and Gene Kobus and a closing poem written by Carole Martin. This was a great time for everyone to reminisce and say their farewells to these time-honored structures. There were plenty of refreshments provided by the generous alumni. We are grateful to all who helped.

THE TIME HAS COME TO SAY GOODBYE  
TO A STATELY OLD BUILDING, AND HERE'S THE REASON WHY.  
THE ROOFS ARE ALL LEAKING AND READY TO FALL,  
THE CEILINGS ARE ACRUMBLE AND SO IS THE WALL.  
THE COST OF REPAIR IS WAY OUT OF SIGHT  
THE BOARD DID ITS HOMEWORK AND IS DOING WHAT'S RIGHT  
NO ONE CAME FORWARD TO PURCHASE THE STRUCTURE  
AND NO ONE HAS PLANS FOR ITS USE IN THE FUTURE.  
SO WE FELT WE WERE LEFT WITH ONLY ONE CHOICE,  
AND WITH THAT WE INDEED WILL NEVER REJOICE.  
WE'VE DECIDED TO DISMANTLE AND LEVEL THE SITE,  
AND RESTORE THE LAND TO THE COMMUNITY'S DELIGHT.  
WE KNOW THERE ARE MEMORIES THAT WE ALL CAN RECALL  
LIKE THE TINY OLD GYM AND HITTING THE LIGHTS WITH THE BALL.  
ROOM 22 STUDY HALL, THE HARD AUDITORIUM SEATS,  
CLIMBING TO THE FILM ROOM AND OTHER SUCH FEATS.  
THE SHOWERS WERE CRAMPED AND A HATED ORDEAL,  
BUT SOMEHOW, THE BUILDING STILL HAD ITS APPEAL.  
TO SOME THIS WAS HIGH SCHOOL, TO OTHERS IT WAS MIDDLE,  
TO ALL OF US IT MEANT MORE THAN A LITTLE.  
IN THE FIFTIES WE BUILT THE CENTER ROAD SCHOOL  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY KIDS TO LEARN AND TO RULE.  
ITS CONDITION IS MUCH WORSE THAN ALL OF THE REST,  
SO TEARING IT DOWN HAS BEEN DEEMED WHAT IS BEST.  
WHATEVER YOUR MEMORIES OR FEELINGS MIGHT BE,  
BE ASSURED THEY ARE SHARED BY OTHERS, YOU SEE.  
WE'VE COME HERE TODAY OUR REFLECTIONS TO SHARE,  
OUR FEELING, EMOTIONS AND CARES TO COMPARE.  
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE ALL HERE TO HAVE A LAST CHANCE,  
TO VIEW OUR OLD SCHOOLS AND TAKE A QUICK GLANCE.  
THIS TIME-HONORED PLACE WILL NO LONGER EXIST,  
BUT OUR MEMORIES WILL LIVE ON AND FOREVER PERSIST.  
SO LET'S SAY OUR GOODBYES AND LOOK TO TOMORROW,  
AND HEAD TO THE FUTURE WITH JOY AND NOT SORROW.

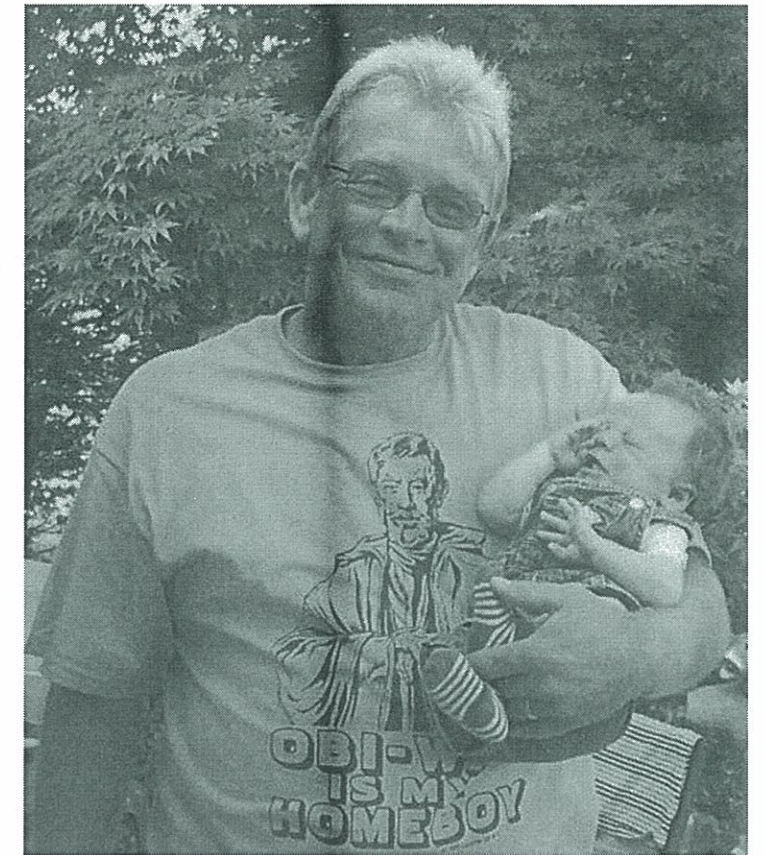
## 2010 Spotlight Awards

The Perry High School Alumni Spotlight Awards are given by the PHS Alumni Association to recognize alumni who demonstrated extraordinary efforts throughout the year. All PHS graduates are eligible. We are honored to feature our 2010 Spotlight Award Winners—John Baker (1973) and Jeff Booher (1997).

**John Baker, Class of 1973** From 1999–2010, John Baker served as an active member of the Perry High School's Athletic Hall of Fame committee. In 2004, he founded the Ritley Run, which supports both the Bob Ritley Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Athletic Hall of Fame. His dedication and innovation during his 12 years of service has not only influenced the Athletic Hall of Fame and Perry High School, but he has greatly impacted the Perry community.

John Baker was truly inspired to establish the Ritley Run. In 2004, the Hall of Fame plaques needed to be refurbished. A fundraiser was required to raise money for the project, and this is when John's love for running, the Perry community, and Perry Athletics combined together to create the Ritley Run. "I thought our Perry community might support a run/walk. I was positive that our community would support a run/walk in honor of Bob Ritley," stated John Baker. He was absolutely correct! The Ritley Run has become one of the greatest events for the Perry community and alumni. It has provided a reunion-like atmosphere in which Coach Ritley's family, former players, coaches, teachers, many of his friends, alumni, current football players, and our Perry community gather together year after year. The Ritley Run involves over 200 participants each year, has helped to support over \$35,000 in scholarships in behalf of our beloved Coach Ritley, and the Run has also supported our PHS athletic programs as the Hall of Fame has been able to purchase needed equipment for our sports teams.

John is proud of being a Perry High School alumnus. Even after 38 years since his graduation, he still gets fired up when he hears the fight song. He married his high school sweetheart, Janet McCormack (1973), and they will be celebrating their 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary soon. They were able to raise their children as Perry Pirates. Their daughter, Lindsay (Baker) Zannelli is a 1996 PHS graduate and their son, Heath, graduated in 1999. John and Janet still reside in Perry, and they have 2 grandsons.



John Baker

**Jeff Booher, Class of 1997** Since Jeff Booher's graduation from Perry High School in 1997, he has been discovering his talents and aspiring to fulfill his dreams. In 2001, he earned his Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from John Carroll University. He then worked as a Pharmaceutical Sales Rep in Florida. In 2008, Jeff's grandfathered passed away, and he was enlightened to change the direction of his life. "My grandfather's death made me realize that life is short, and I need to pursue my dream," Jeff stated. As a result, he decided to resign from his current sales position, pack his bags, sell his condo, and move to Hollywood, California, to pursue his dreams in acting.

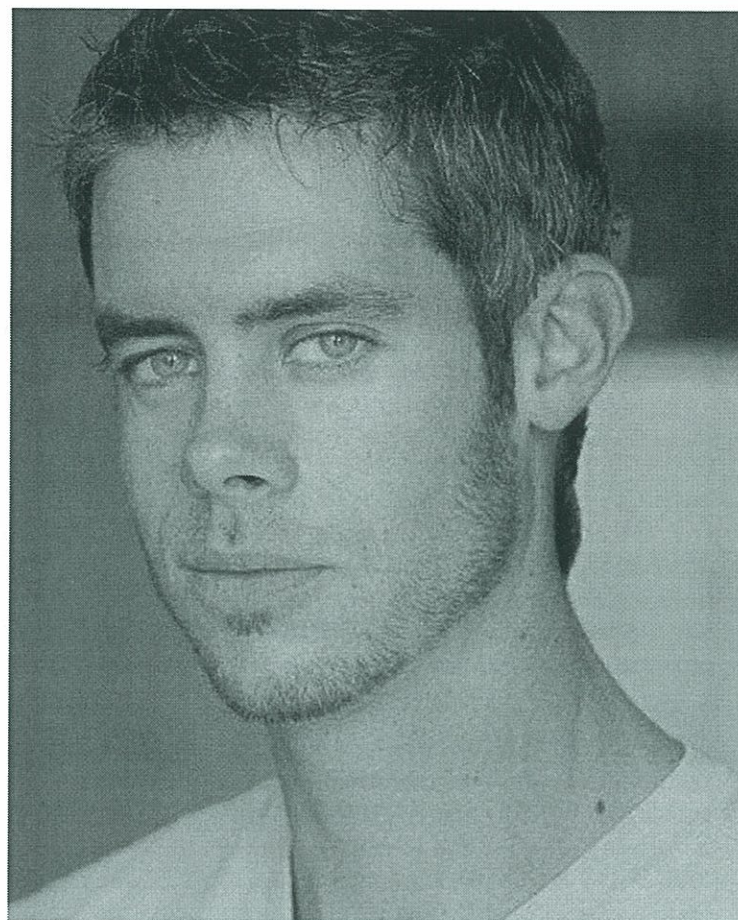
Today, Jeff Michaels (his professional name) resides in sunny Southern California pursuing a career in acting and modeling. He has appeared on Season 6 of *Entourage* on HBO and Season 1 of ABC reality show, *Dating in the Dark*. In 2010, he has been a model on two shows *The Arrangement* on LOGO Network and *Fashion Drop* on Oxygen Network. He was in the movie *Burlesque* with Cher and Christina Aguilera and filmed a reality show pilot called *The Saddle Ranch Project* for VH1. He also found time to model for a catalog called *New Chef Fashions* and filmed a music video with recording artist Hannah Kelsey. Jeff currently has been training with a new acting coach and has a few short films in

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the works, and he is looking forward to this year's upcoming television auditions.

When reminiscing about his days as a Perry Pirate he stated, "My favorite memory of Perry has to be our trip to the Regional Semifinals in basketball in 1996. We won the district final on a last second Greg Iacofano shot. The crowd stormed the court and I was on the bottom of the pile of people celebrating!" He also relates of how influential his teachers and coaches were to him. "Coach Ritley, Coach Hartmann, Coach Ryan, Coach Sarvis, Coach Hunt, and Coach DiDonato all had an incredible influence on me during my time at Perry. Each one taught me the importance of sportsmanship, spirit of competition, values, and just how to be a mentor and leader for people who look up to you."

Even with all the success that he has achieved since graduation, Jeff is still very proud of his Perry upbringing. Jeff commented, "Perry influenced me in many ways. It taught me how important an education is. The emphasis on college preparation and the focus on social/life skills really helped me become a well-rounded person. Being a Perry Pirate means that I got to attend one of the most progressive schools in the country. I am proud to be an alumnus and would love to have my children attend some day." We wish Jeff continued success as he pursues his dreams!



*Jeff Boohar—Jeff Michaels (professional name)*

**If you would like to nominate an alumnus for the 2011 Spotlight Award, please e-mail [phsalumniassoc@hotmail.com](mailto:phsalumniassoc@hotmail.com) by March 15, 2012.**



## Remembrances 2011



Dorothy Cross Bates, Class of 1939, passed away July 9, 2011  
 Linda Whitehair Swanson Zwolenik, Class of 1966, passed away Monday, July 4, 2011  
 Linda Lyons Richardson, Class of 1968, passed away June 8, 2011  
 Michael Caulkins, Class of 1976, passed away May 25, 2011  
 Stephanie E. Sedlak, Class of 1990, passed away April 23, 2011  
 Norma Few Daniels Wright, Class of 1933, passed away April 13, 2011  
 Mary Ann Kobulnicky, Class of 1968, of Cuyahoga Falls, passed away April 3, 2011  
 Janet Cleversy Brooks, Class of 1974, passed away March 14, 2011  
 James Sprague, Class of 1962, passed away March 10, 2011  
 Mildred Kneisley Fisher, Class of 1930, passed away February 21, 2011  
 Steven Michael Weaver, Class of 2001, passed away February 18, 2011  
 Maxine "Mickey" Bittles Schauer, Class of 1944, passed away on January 25, 2011

## Lifetime Members

**THANK YOU!!!**

The PHS Alumni Association would like to recognize and thank the additional individuals who have committed to the **\$100 Lifetime Membership Level in 2011 (Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup>)**. These monies go to help fund scholarships for future graduates of Perry High and children/grandchildren of Perry Alumni. Below you will find a list of individuals who have made this commitment so far in 2011:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class of</u>
Linda Krivanek Clark	1968
Brian Gilson	1966
Larry Hackley	1972
Sue Amos Hackley	1972
Megan Hashier	2002
Peggy Seith Havel	1956
Charon Collins LeBail	1968
Stan LeBail	1966
Sarah Hackley LeMond	1993
Kevin Marty	1971
Dr. Rebecca Moroose	1971
Frank Petrus	1966
George Pettyjohn	1967
Diana McCauley Reed	1971
John (JT) Schratz	2008
Lenora Mae Covell Stanaway	1946
Nancy Angeloro Steele	1972
Janet Densmore Steward	1946
Margie Angeloro Tatar	1980
Dr. Loyal Tillotson	1972
Bob Torzok	1988

## Are You a Runner?

Have you run in a marathon? Do you enjoy running? It has come to our Alumni Association's attention that many of our alumni have been finding success on the open road. For our next newsletter, we are trying to compile an article about our alumni who have, or plan on participating in marathons, half-marathons, or triathlons. Please send us your story, or if you are aware of an alumni's accomplishments to [drchandicerichards@att.net](mailto:drchandicerichards@att.net). Thanks!



## Want FREE PHS Football Tickets?



See our Pirates in action as they battle our rivals, the Riverside Beavers on August 26 and the Madison Bluestreaks on September 9, 2011, at our Alumni Stadium. Our current members of the Perry High School Alumni Association will be entitled to one free ticket to each rival game (Madison and Riverside) during the 2011 football season. Just stop by the Alumni table near the entrance to obtain your ticket prior to each football game. Your membership dues need to be paid prior to August 15, 2011, in order to be eligible for free admission. If you currently are not a member of the Alumni Association or your membership dues have lapsed, please become a member today. We hope to see you cheering on our Pirates this upcoming football season. GO PIRATES!

## Facebook Update!

Facebook is making some significant changes to the way that their "Groups" are managed. Currently, the PHS Alumni Association helps administer the Facebook Group "PHS Alumni (Lake County, Ohio)." We have been informed that Facebook will be "archiving" this group and updating it to a "new group format." All group members will need to "re-add" themselves to this group.

As an Alumni Association, we also have an official Facebook Page—"Perry High School Alumni Association." Facebook is encouraging organizations such as ours to use a "Page" instead of a "Group." With all of the changes currently happening on Facebook, we want to encourage you to join the Facebook Page. Facebook has become an invaluable resource for our Alumni Association. We have been able to locate many classmates and keep our alumni updated on happenings in our association very easily with Facebook. So, if you have not found us on Facebook yet, we encourage you to do so today. Remember to "Like" the "Perry High School Alumni Association."