



# Winter/Spring 2024

Perry High School Alumni Association

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## Upcoming Events

**\*\*Scholarship Deadline April 1, 2024\*\***

### Alumni Picnic

Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 5-7 pm  
Perry Township Park

### Fall Festival

Saturday, September 7th  
Lee Lydic Park

### Alumni Signature All-Class Reunion

Saturday, September 21, 2024, 5pm  
Perry Community Center

### Cookies with Santa

Sunday, December 8, 2024, 2-4pm  
Manchester West

## MAJOR GIFT!!

Richard Frey, a lifetime resident and student at Perry, has chosen to honor his class of 1952 by making an extremely generous donation of \$50,000 to the Perry Alumni Association. The Association knows that Mr. Frey has many choices when it comes to his philanthropic endeavors so we are very pleased that he has chosen our organization to bestow a gift that will make such a positive impact on our students' lives. Our selection committee works hard to choose applicants who are not only great scholars, but also strive to make a difference in their communities. This wonderful donation will supplement funds that the alumni association earns through their fundraisers and ensure that we can continue to assist deserving scholarship winners well into the future.

We learned so many interesting facts about Mr. Frey and his years growing up in Perry, military and working life that we'll be doing a Spotlight article in our larger summer edition of the newsletter, so stay tuned!!

## Cookies With Santa, Not Just Cookies

The Alumni Association helped to celebrate the holiday season with the Perry community in our annual "Cookies with Santa" fundraiser. This year we had over 150 guests! Families enjoyed an extra special Santa and the opportunity to win a beautiful Christmas wreath donated by Greig's Christmas Tree Farm (owned by our retired teacher Jeff Greig).



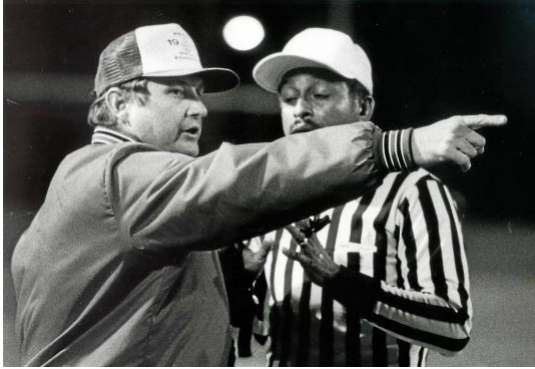
Children wrote letters to Santa and Santa wrote letters back to the children!! Event tickets included the following: a picture taken by the guest with Santa and a beautiful backdrop, holiday crafts, face painting, candy jar guessing games, seasonal coloring, cookie decorating, hot chocolate bar and your pick of a variety of yummy cookies and punch. One of the greatest parts of this event is that we are always blessed to have some of our Perry students volunteer as helpers! This great way for families to enjoy the holidays and all proceeds go to the Alumni Association. Stay tuned for next year's event.

## Alumni Picnic and All Class Reunion Dinner- Places to Meet up with Old Friends

Our Alumni Picnic, a free event hosted by the association in August, was well attended. We thank Prestige Carpet and Flooring for sponsoring and underwriting all costs. The All Class Reunion dinner was a great success. We were happy to have our own IGA Catering back for a delicious meal. Join us this September for this memorable event.



## Retired Teacher/Coach Spotlight: Robert M. Ritley



It is fitting to honor and remember the legacy of Robert M. Ritley, 25-year teacher and football coach, in the wake of our Pirate Football Team winning the OSHAA Division V State Championship. Twenty years and 2.5 months after the passing of the beloved long time Coach Robert Ritley, the Pirates win the championship for the first time in the 101 year history of the program. There was no doubt that spirit of Coach Ritley was alive in the stands, in the hearts of the alumni as they shared his memory and quoted his motto: "Those who stay will be champions". As you'll read below, many of the Pirate Football Players were children of Alumni taught or coached by Ritley. Ritley's grandson, Owen McKoon, son of Susie (Ritley) McKoon, helped lead the Pirates to victory. When the Pirate band buses drove through the victory parade, they drove by his gravesite at Perry Cemetery, in order to sound the bus horn in his honor.

Ritley is forever remembered by his greatest legacy, his family. He left behind his long time wife Louise (Smith), daughters Carey (Todd) Mackey and Susie (Clint) McKoon and his son Tim (Genell). He has six grandchildren, Isabelle, Grace, Owen, Keswick, Toren and Venezia.

Coach Ritley in his 25-year tenure as Head football coach, had a winning record of 205-82-1. He had numerous big seasons in his time at Perry, including the school's first undefeated season (10-0) in 1990. In his final two years, he led the Pirates to the Division IV state playoffs, including a 10-3 record in his final year in 2000, losing in the state semifinals to Youngstown Ursuline. He was remembered as a coach that did everything with the utmost class and described as "never giving up on a kid".

As a 1970 University of Michigan graduate, Coach Ritley began his teaching/coaching career at Olmsted Falls High School, the University of Tampa and Gibsonburgh High School. In 1977, he came to Perry where he taught physical education and was the Head football coach for 25 years, retiring in 2002. He was inducted into the Perry High School Hall of Fame in 2003. He was selected as head coach in the Save-A-Sight Game, the Ohio All-Stars, and the Big 33 Game. He was League Coach of the Year nine times, Lake County Coach of the Year three times, and two times State Coach of the Year in Division III and IV. In 2002, Coach Ritley was named Perry Classroom Teacher of the Year. Coach Ritley, you are forever with us in spirit.

### PHS Football State Champions A Team of 29 Alumni Children/Grandchildren

- #0 Trent Taylor (Dad: Sam '02)
- #2 Armani Chiappone (Mom: Meg Chiappone '02)
- #3 Dare'on Howard (Grandma: Donna Rae Disbro '79)
- #4 Chase Sivon (Dad Steve '94)
- #6 Luke Sivon (Dad Steve '94)
- #9 Jimmy Ashburn (Dad: Jim '97)
- #10 Vince Tomasic (Dad: Greg '97)
- #12 Brayden Richards (Mom: Chandice Albrecht '97)
- #14 McKoy Richards (Mom: Chandice Albrecht '97)
- #16 Xavier Jackson (Grandpa: Bruce Manley '82)
- #17 Andrew Morris (Mom: Andrea Allen '93)
- #19 Connor Cox (Mom: Christy Fiorenza '96)
- #20 Anthony Anderson (Dad: Dave '94)
- #23 Carter Hopkins (Mom: Heather Rogers '00)
- #36 Keegan Cole (Mom: Sarah Selan '06)
- #44 Owen McKoon (Mom: Sue Ritley '96)
- #50 Andrew Smith (Dad: John '93, Mom Jen Kelly '93)
- #53 Joey Baldree (Dad: PJ '93 Mom: Stephanie Siegel '93)
- #54 Liam Cox (Mom: Christy Fiorenza '96)
- #56 Evan Whittaker (Mom: Sue Brill '97)
- #61 Antonius Bertone (Mom: Gina Johnson '03)
- #62 Ryan Cousineau (Mom: Shannon Vocca '01)
- #63 Noah Fortney (Mom: Ali Fortney '09)
- #66 Gavin Freund (Mom: Nikki Martin '06)
- #73 Brady Stevenson (Mom: Danielle Heath '93)
- #76 Sean Budziak (Mom: Dawn Soke '94)
- #80 Justin Costello (Dad: Greg '87)
- #84 Tristan Sexton (Mom: Nikki Griggs '95)
- Coach: Matt Platt '06

When we say, "**Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate**", we are not joking! PHS had a fantastic year in football, setting the Perry Community on fire!! Our Pirate football team were State Champions for the first time in Perry's history of football, 101 years! Congratulations to our Football team for this fantastic win and for making the whole Perry community feel like they were a part of it. Thank you to Chandice Albrecht Richards for publishing this information. We uncovered some additional information about multigenerational Perry Football players on the 2023 roster. We are quite sure some names are missed, so please contact the Alumni Association if your relatives are not included.

#### Multigenerational Descendants

- #2 Armani Chiappone: Mom: Meg Chiappone '02, Grandma: Nicki Chiappone '70, Great Grandma: Glada Giddings '21
- #66 Gavin Freund: Mom: Nikki Martin '06, Grandpa: Doug Martin '85
- #56/70 Evan Whittaker: Mom: Sue (Brill) Whittaker '97, Grandpa: Frank Whittaker '71
- #9 Jimmy Ashburn: Dad: Jim Ashburn '97, Grandma: Rita Ashburn '75, Grandpa: Rick Ashburn '71,
- #32 Keith DePoy: Mom: Sheri Ashburn '99, Brother: Wyyette Depoy '22, Sister: Hailey Depoy '22, Grandma: Rita Ashburn '75, Grandpa: Rick Ashburn '71
- #53 Joey Baldree: Mom: Stephanie (Siegel) Baldree '93, Dad: PJ Baldree '93, Grandparents Linda (Rinyo) Siegel '71, Jim Siegel '70, Great Grandmother: Elizabeth (Burt) Rinyo '43, Great-Great Grandfather: Oliver Burt, no graduation date

**Remembrances**

**“Death may have taken you away, but we can hold on to our memories of you”**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Class of/Position</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
Mark Odell Welch	Board of Education	February 3, 2024
Larry Gean Lynn	1966	January 31, 2024
Austyn “A.J.” Joseph Cousins	2015	January 24, 2024
Lois Mae (Urso) Morse	1948	January 17, 2024
Vida (Loveland) Stirm	1953	January 16, 2024
Jeanette (Parisse) Crislip	Educator	January 14, 1929
Timothy R. Brainard	1961	January 10, 2024
Suzanne Louise (Slater) Heath	1970	January 10, 2024
Wayland A. Tenkku	1944	December 26, 2023
Lois M. (Green) Tenkku	1945	December 26, 2023
Adam Scott McHugh	2005	November 24, 2023
William H. Ridgway	1965	November 5, 2023
Linda Sue (Davis) Gray	1964	October 7, 2023
Victoria (Farren) Ozinga	1970	September 27, 2023
Charles R. Robinson Jr.	1970	August 31, 2023
Richard R. Morse	1962	August 23, 2023
David R. Query	1972	August 22, 2023
Nathaniel Mullins	2007	August 18, 2023
Charles “Chuck” McCormick	1963	July 16, 2023

Whenever possible, obituaries are provided on our website at: <https://www.perry-lake.org/about/alumni/remembrances>  
If there is anyone we regrettably overlooked, please contact the Perry Alumni Association.

**If you would like to make a memorial donation to the Alumni Scholarship fund, information can be found at <https://www.perry-lake.org/about/alumni/index> under memorial/honorarium under the Donation Form.**

**Perry High School Alumni Association Scholarship Application**

The Perry High School Alumni Association Scholarship was established in 2005, to recognize graduating seniors who have exhibited commitment and loyalty to their schools and/or communities. Scholarships will be offered recognizing a graduating senior who is the child/grandchild of an alumna and attends any school (not necessarily Perry High School) and one who is a graduating senior from PHS.

To apply for the Perry High School Alumni Association Scholarship, please visit:  
[www.perry-lake.org/about/alumni/scholarships](http://www.perry-lake.org/about/alumni/scholarships)



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<b>OFFICERS</b>										
<b>President (7/1/23-6/30/25)</b>	Charon	Collins	LeBail	1560 Bridle Path	P'ville	OH	44077	440.479.3364	1968	<a href="mailto:lebailcs@yahoo.com">lebailcs@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Kerri	Keener	Beverage	4025 Green Street	Perry	OH	44081	440.478.7417	1994	<a href="mailto:kerribeverage@hotmail.com">kerribeverage@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Treasurer (7/1/23-6/30/25)</b>	Andrea	Allen	Morris	2094 Townline Road	Madison	OH	44057	440.259.3312	1993	<a href="mailto:aallen@glpower.com">aallen@glpower.com</a>
<b>President Elect (7/1/23-6/30/25)</b>	Andrea	Allen	Morris	2094 Townline Road	Madison	OH	44057	440.259.3312	1993	<a href="mailto:aallen@glpower.com">aallen@glpower.com</a>
<b>Secretary (7/1/23-6/30/25)</b>	Susie	Ritley	McKoon	4331 Mill Pond Circle	Perry	OH	44081	440.259.2053	1996	<a href="mailto:mckoons@hotmail.com">mckoons@hotmail.com</a>
<b>DIRECTORS</b>										
<b>Director (6-30-24)</b>	Ashley	Albrecht	Hacking	3937 Charles Way	Perry	OH	44081	440.259.5169	1994	<a href="mailto:ahacking33@gmail.com">ahacking33@gmail.com</a>
<b>Director (6-30-24)</b>	Nancy	Angeloro	Steele	4405 Casa Bella	Perry	OH	44081	440.259.3688	1972	<a href="mailto:nancyangelorosteel@gmail.com">nancyangelorosteel@gmail.com</a>
<b>Director (6-30-24)</b>	Sue	Brill	Whittaker	3415 S. Ridge Road	Perry	OH	44081	440.382.3441	1997	<a href="mailto:brills_1999@yahoo.com">brills_1999@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Director (6-30-25)</b>	Carole	Compton	Martin	3215 Call Rd.	Perry	OH	44081	440.259.2257	1961	<a href="mailto:carolemartin13@gmail.com">carolemartin13@gmail.com</a>
<b>Director (6-30-25)</b>	Larry		Hackley	4015 Center Rd	Perry	OH	44081	440.259.5366	1972	<a href="mailto:larryhackley53@gmail.com">larryhackley53@gmail.com</a>
<b>Director (6-30-25)</b>	Karen	Koch	Sundy	3551 Main Street	Perry	OH	44081	440.669.0496	1988	<a href="mailto:krsundy@gmail.com">krsundy@gmail.com</a>
<b>Director (6-30-26)</b>	Chandice	Albrecht	Richards	4745 Riverwood Dr.	Madison	OH	44057	440.259.4842	1997	<a href="mailto:drchandicerichards@att.net">drchandicerichards@att.net</a>
<b>Director (6-30-26)</b>	Tim		Flenner	3340 Azalea Ridge Rd.	Perry	OH	44081	440.221.9974	2000	<a href="mailto:tim.flenner@eriebank.bank">tim.flenner@eriebank.bank</a>
<b>Director (6-30-26)</b>	Linda	Krivanek	Clark	235 Hyder Dr.	Madison	OH	44057	440.417.2636	1968	<a href="mailto:lindaclark@ncweb.com">lindaclark@ncweb.com</a>
<b>Director Emeritus</b>	Rick		Amos	4575 White Angel Dr.	Perry	OH	44081	440.259.2910	1968	<a href="mailto:rick@ncweb.com">rick@ncweb.com</a>
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<b>Membership Chair</b>	Karen	Koch	Sundy	3551 Main Street	Perry	OH	44081	440-669-0496	1988	<a href="mailto:krsundy@gmail.com">krsundy@gmail.com</a>
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<b>Clothing Chair</b>	Karen	Koch	Sundy	3551 Main Street	Perry	OH	44081	440-669-0496	1988	<a href="mailto:krsundy@gmail.com">krsundy@gmail.com</a>
<b>Reunion Chair</b>	Linda	Krivanek	Clark	235 Hyder Dr.	Madison	OH	44057	440.428.2643	1968	<a href="mailto:lindaclark@ncweb.com">lindaclark@ncweb.com</a>
<b>Scholarship Chair</b>	Carole	Compton	Martin	3215 Call Rd.	Perry	OH	44081	440.259.2257	1961	<a href="mailto:carolemartin13@gmail.com">carolemartin13@gmail.com</a>
<b>Signature Event Co-Chair</b>	Linda	Krivanek	Clark	235 Hyder Dr.	Madison	OH	44057	440.428.2643	1968	<a href="mailto:lindaclark@ncweb.com">lindaclark@ncweb.com</a>
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<b>Newsletter Chair</b>	Sue	Brill	Whittaker	3415 S. Ridge Road	Perry	OH	44081	440.382.3441	1997	<a href="mailto:brills_1999@yahoo.com">brills_1999@yahoo.com</a>