

# Every Child's Hero

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Elizabeth Shaw is a wonderful staff member of Perry High School. Shaw has been working at Perry High School for twenty-three years as an educational associate. An Educational Associate is a person who helps with kids who have a 504 plan. One thing Shaw loves doing as an Educational Associate is helping students learn and be successful in life. Before Perry High School, Shaw worked as a social worker at Lake County Human Service from 1973 to 1980. She helped people get through tough times in their lives.

One of the many things Shaw does in her own time is work as an advisor for the Perry Drill Team. Shaw enjoys watching the girls dance on their alone time, but she also enjoys their dancing with the band. Drill Team starts in June and practices are twice a week up until August when they switch practices to Wednesdays. Drill Team practices in the dance room at Perry Athletic Center. Before Practices Shaw states, “The girls like to eat snacks that I bring, and stretch.” On game days, The Drill Team rides with the band and cheerleaders for away games. She says, “Drill Team is performing for all varsity away and home games.” Shaw loved watching the girls come together to do choreography and then watching them perform. She encourages all girls who loves team bonding, dance, choreography, or flag to join Drill Team. She said, “Seventeen years with the girls was such a dream.” Shaw is laying down her twenty-third year of working at PHS and she will be retired as of January. In her retirement Shaw says, “I’d like to spend more time with my grandkids, read and travel.” She has an exciting plan for the rest of her life!