



SUMMER 2018

Perry High School Alumni Association

P.O. Box 148
Perry, OH 44081

ALUMNI EVENTS SAVE THE DATES

8/8: Alumni Picnic, from 5—7:00 p.m. at Perry Park, Andy's Last Band performing outstanding classic rock from 7—9:00 p.m.

9/8: Ritley Run, Fun Walk & Touchdown Dash 9:00 a.m. (see page 6 for registration details)

9/14: Homecoming Parade and Game

9/15: All Class Reunion Dinner—Perry Community Center, doors open at 5:00 p.m. (R.S.V.P. and payment required by 9/1. See page 8)

Rescheduled to 2019: Perry Community Days at Lee Lydic Park and the Hall of Fame Game/Dinner and Alumni Band performance. Watch for dates to be announced in the Winter edition of our newsletter

BINGO RETURNS TO PERRY OCTOBER 4TH!

Perry Academic Boosters is partnering with the PHS Alumni Association and a number of other Perry school organizations to host Bingo every Thursday night beginning October 4th at Manchester West, 4261 Manchester Road, Perry. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with the first bingo game starting at 6:45 p.m. Bingo is a fundraiser to support Perry High School and Perry Middle School. Participants must be 18 or older to play bingo. Bingo is a great way to support Perry students, catch up with old friends, meet new people and make some cash! Visit www.perrybingo.com or follow us on Facebook at: Perry Bingo, where each week's bingo game details and pay outs will be posted.

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2018 SPOTLIGHT AWARD



Christine “Kelly” Chandler-Distler
Class of 2005



Christine Kelly Chandler-Distler, a Perry High School alumna, along with her friend Angela Pohl combined their passions of avid running with an incredible commitment towards helping others. The two paired and founded the local non-profit organization Good Running. The organization functions as a fitness group which promotes healthier living and increased personal fitness goals while benefitting charities and other nonprofit causes throughout Northeast Ohio. Good Running is now on its 28th month (as of the date of the nomination in June) and has aided the causes of nearly 50 other organizations by generating over \$50,000 dollars of charitable donations. The organization has been instrumental in strengthening our local community while forming a motivational and encouraging following, personally bettering themselves each day. Kelly's innovation, kind heart, and leadership qualities are driving forces that help make Good Running such an amazing organization. The Perry High School Alumni Association is so proud that she is a fellow Perry High School alum and is doing such wonderful things that reach a wide array of worthwhile causes. Kelly and her husband John are the proud parents of two boys, Landon and Chandler, and make their home in Perry. After graduating from Mount Union College, Kelly began teaching Spanish at Madison High School and also coaches their cross-country program. You can learn more about Good Running and follow their events on their Facebook site: [Good Running](#).

Classmate News

Mike Boyce, Class of 1990, attended California College of the Art with a double major in Graphic Design and Illustration. While living in San Francisco he was amazed at the size and visibility of the homeless population and their treatment by the city's residents. Mike decided that he wanted to become a part of the solution and came up with the idea of giving some awareness to children. He used his Critical Studies class to begin development and illustration of his book "Homeless". He wanted it to be friendly and attractive with bright colors, reflecting diverse cultures without putting emphasis on gender for the main character so that each child reading it could see themselves in the role. He drew upon a number of others for their expertise in various fields as well as interviewing the homeless. The book for children, targeting ages 2-10 explains homelessness and helps create a dialogue about this growing community and how it affects us all. The book tells the story of a child and their family experiencing homelessness and the steps involved in getting help. Mike self-published 2,000 copies using a GoFundMe account. Every school in San Francisco has a copy.

Mike isn't done! This is just the beginning of what he hopes will become a series of children's books to address difficult subjects. He is working on his next book, "Sickness", which addresses how children handle three types of illness: cancer, HIV and cerebral palsy and has met with doctors and nurses, as well as staff at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital.

Mike sees himself as just an illustrator on a mission. "I'm tackling difficult subjects," he said "But I want to tackle it in such a way that it's still beautiful"

The book "Homeless" is available at Barnes and Noble at: https://www.barnesandnoble.com/p/homeless-mike-boyce/1126988546/2679563903059?st=PLA&sid=BNB_DRS_Core+Catch-All,+Low_00000000&2sid=Google_&sourceId=PLGoP212586&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIksXP7pmh3AIVCtbACH2JbwWYEAQYASABEGKLF_D_BwE



Amber Strnad, Class of 2007, lost a number of friends to the battle against addiction. She has become the founder and director at Northeast Ohio's Fight Against Addiction, a community awareness and outreach ministry seeking to positively impact the community and offer hope to those affected by addiction. She had a vision for a local rally to support those who were struggling with their addiction, with it becoming a reality that has grown into a two-day event with about 4,000 attending in 2017. Amber described Hope Over Heroin as a 3-tiered approach in battling the opioid epidemic at a recent presentation as reported by the Gazette Newspapers:

- Hope Over Heroin is a faith-based ministry believing in the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to transform lives. It has been acknowledged by those in the industry that the faith-based element is a missing and necessary link in treatment and can be the difference between life and death.
- The City of Resources: uniting a city's Addiction Recovery Service providers with civic, education, medical, first responders, church and business leaders who share the passion to provide tangible assistance to every person who seeks help and to make an impact in the lives of every family affected by the opioid epidemic.
- One Call & Ongoing Support: provides ongoing support for everyone who responds. One Call is a registry that matches service providers with those seeking help.

"Hope Over Heroin provides the whole program," she said. "They strategically plan this program to draw in people who are struggling. Sponsorship opportunities are available." Not all organizations in the City of Resources are faith-based, Strnad noted, adding that everyone is welcome. "Recovery looks different for everyone. If somebody needs help we want to help them," Strnad said, noting many of the group's volunteers "each have a heart for the Lord. Our message at the event is the gospel."

Plans for the weekend family event in 2018 include opening with a memorial march, haircuts, face painting, a bounce house for kids, free food, and backpacks / giveaways. The event, funded through donations and sponsorships, is free to the community.

Amber can be contacted regarding this year's upcoming Lake County Hope Over Heroin Rally scheduled for August 24th and 25th at the Lake County Fairgrounds, 1301 Mentor Avenue, Painesville, OH at (440-296-6687, or amber@neofaa.org if you have an interest in supporting the 2018 event.

Remembrances

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

	Class Of	Date of Death
Mary J. Rederick Black	1966	May 2, 2018
Cynthia Lynn Allen Brown	1979	June 10, 2018
Roland Chapman	1946	February 18, 2018
Arianna Dawn Cope	2017	February 24, 2018
Thomas Howard Heil	1967	May 10, 2018
David Kanda	2008	June 28, 2018
Janice Elaine Phillipp Martin	1968	July 13, 2018
Marie Finucan Verbic	1936	October 2, 2016

Whenever possible, complete obituaries are provided on the Alumni website at <http://www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us/Remembrances.aspx>



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Perry High School Alumni Scholarship Memorial/Honorarium

A donation to Perry High School Alumni Scholarship Fund in memory of, or in honor of, a Perry alumnus, educator or other individual. Please choose the appropriate designation and PRINT all information to ensure that the correct data is inscribed in all records and correspondence. Donation \$_____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Reason for honorarium: _____

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Please send acknowledgement letter to: _____

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Please make your check payable to: **Perry Alumni Association** and mail to: Perry Alumni Association, P. O. Box 148, Perry, OH 44081.

2018 Alumni Association Scholarship Winners

This spring the PHS Alumni Association was pleased to choose four winners for our 2018 Perry High School Alumni Scholarships. Each of the four recipients completed an application, provided letters of recommendation and submitted an essay responding to the prompt "What does 'Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate' mean to you?". All of this year's winners were excellent students and very involved in their schools and communities. Each recipient received a \$1,500 scholarship.

Winners of the 2018 PHS Alumni Scholarships are:

Kolston Brewster – Perry High School – Son of Dana and Kimberly, PHS Class of 1990

Megan Bishop – Perry High School – Granddaughter of Karen Gebeau, PHS Class of 1966

Gina Smirz - Hunter Huss High School, Gastonia, NC - Daughter of Reine Ignat Smirz, PHS Class of 1980

Leigh Stavar – 2018 Perry High School graduate

This scholarship fund was established in 2005, to recognize graduating seniors who have exhibited commitment and loyalty to their school and community. These scholarships are possible because of generous alumni donations, memorials and honorariums and fundraising activities throughout the year. Thank you to all of our alumni who have donated and made these scholarships possible. If you know a PHS senior or a child/grandchild of a PHS alumnus, encourage them to apply for the 2019 Alumni Scholarship due April 1, 2019. All scholarship donations may be mailed to: PHS Alumni Association PO Box 148 Perry, OH 44081.



**Megan Bishop, Andrea Morris
(President, PHS Alumni Association),
Leigh Stavar and Kolsten Brewster**



Gina Smirz

2018 Bounce Night and Alumni Basket Game



The Perry High School Alumni Association held its annual Bounce Night/Alumni Basketball Game at the PHS PAC and Competition Gym on March 10th. The event was enjoyed by the entire Perry Community. Prior to game time, we hosted an awesome pre-game party that involved a bounce house, slide and life size JENGA and Connect Four. Sparky from the Perry Fire District was present along with face painters from the PHS Art Department.

Final Scores:

Game 1

PHS Alumni 44

PHS Students 25

Game 2

Coaches & Staff 58

Perry Fire Department 44

Game 3

Coaches & Staff 42

PHS Alumni 33

At our June Board meeting, it was decided that this event will not be hosted for 2019. It was difficult to get commitment from enough basketball players and the inflatables were very expensive to rent. The Board feels it is time to try some other type of fundraiser. **Please keep your eyes peeled for a December event involving SANTA!!!** Details are still being finalized. We will be sure to post them on our Facebook site!!!!

15th Annual Ritley Run, Fun Walk and Touchdown Dash

Saturday, September 8th

Perry High School

Race/Walk begins at 9:00 a.m.



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 an enduring battle with cancer in 2003. To date, over \$80,000 in scholarship awards have been given to area seniors who 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 15th Annual Ritley Run.

The 5K Run & 1.5 Mile Walk will begin at 9:00 AM. Touchdown Dash to follow at the finish of the race. Please pre-register by August 25, 2018. Go to ritleyrun.org to register online. Contact chandicerichards@att.net with any questions.

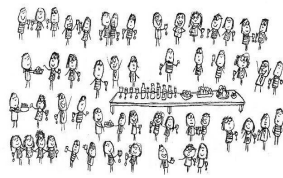
All Class Reunion Dinner 2018

R.S.V.P. BY 9/1

Saturday, 9/15 at 5:00 p.m.

Perry Community Center

HAPPINESS IS



...a reunion party.

The annual All Class Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 15th at the Perry Community Center. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with dinner served at 6:00 p.m.. Remarkably, still at the low, low price of \$25 per person! Anyone who ever attended or worked at Perry schools is welcome. If your class would like to hold a special reunion in conjunction with our dinner, please contact Linda Krivanek Clark at 440.417.2636, or email her at: lindaclark@ncweb.com. Many classes are now using this event as the venue for an annual gathering of friends.

PHS Class of 1968

Celebrates 50 years!



The Class of 1968 will be holding their very special landmark 50-year reunion dinner at the 2018 All Class Reunion Dinner on September 15th. Our reunion weekend kicks off with the Homecoming Parade on Friday. Communications went out early in the year detailing all events. We have only 1 classmate we've been unable to locate: Bob "Skip" Johnson. Let us know if you have any information to share or any questions. Please contact Linda Krivanek Clark at lindaclark@ncweb.com, or Charon Collins LeBail at 440-479-3364, or lebailcs@yahoo.com

R.S.V.P. by 9/1

2018 All Class Reunion Dinner
BYOB, or beer and memorabilia.

Enclose payment with your reservation.

Reservations and payments are required to attend the PHS Reunion Dinner. Send this portion along with your check payable to the PHS Alumni Association by **September 1st** to: P.O. Box 148, Perry, OH 44081. \$25 per person

Name: _____
(Include maiden name)

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Class of _____

PHS Class of 1978 Celebrates 40 years!



We hope you'll join us to celebrate forty fabulous years at the Annual All Class Reunion on September 15th, details provided above. Submit your reservation to the Alumni Association soon. A Facebook page "**Phs Seventyeight**" has been built for communications about our event. Please contact Lisa Underwood Vojtko at mother_twins2002@yahoo.com, or call 440.796.7182, if you have any questions or information to share. We are unable to locate a number of our classmates and hope that you'll join us in the search.

Missing classmates:



Sandy Hawk, Lisa Skully Lawson, Charles Robbins, Dennis Gilkey, Jeff Hall, Amy Kakas Brewster, Daryl and Terri Wells, David McClain, Amy McClanahan Marshall, Sue McCloskey Weaver, Nick Miller, Linda Ormsbee Chrystal, Sherman Portell, Barry Bevins, Trudy Bittner, Candy Blackstock, Amy Cunningham Fryberger, Gene Davis, Michelle Ebeling, Tammy Eckhart, Tina Domiano Demarco, Joe Hall, Bill Thompson, Clint Rippen, Mike Szego, Sam Lett, Cliff Murphy, Tracey Lefeloc, Randy Webb and Jim Smith.

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Annual Alumni Picnic August 8th

PHS Alums: This year's annual alumni picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 8th at Perry Park. Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m. followed by musical entertainment provided by Andy's Last Band from 7:00-9:00 p.m. with classic rock. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. The Perry Alumni Association directors will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments and place settings in the pavilion. Bring your favorite dish to share and your own beverages. The concession stand will be open if you wish to purchase additional items.

Please help us spread the word!

