

FILL 'ER UP

OPERATION:



(Photo to the left)
The testing of the scoreboards lights is one of the final details the technical team was working on last week. They have already added accent bushes to the fresh paved parking lot, tested the sound system in the stadium and added the letters "FALCON STADIUM" to the archway (Photo by Adam Crozier).

(Photo below)
The Eastern endzone of Falcon Stadium, positioned behind the goalpost, will be sectioned off for marching band equipment and its halftime warm up. The marching band will perform before games and during halftime shows with the drum line, front ensemble and color guard as the Marching Falcons (Photo by Adam Crozier).



The homeside bleachers remain stationary alongside the new track. The benches offer wheelchair access through the bleachers, allowing over the Ray Skillman Family Field. Light reflects off the press box and goalpost. Hand rails protrude from the main walkway to add assistance to reach the bleachers into different sections for seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen according to the seating chart.

T-minus

Perry, Falcons

HOME GAME



ed stadium will hold around 3,000 students, faculty, Perry residents and gh designated areas on ground level. Stadium lights stand upright, tower- grandstand. The handrails travel along the width of the seats up to the press the top of the bleachers. This year, the Blue Crew is considering dividing ding to administrators (Photo by Adam Crozier).

**4 hours and 55 minutes
until kickoff @ 7:00**

(Picture to the right)
As part of Phase One in the stadium build, the construction team laid turf, painted yard lines and finished the Ray Skillman Family Field. Phase two construction consisted of building bleachers, side buildings and other pieces like the goalpost and the scoreboard pictured. Since the beginning of the season, the football players utilized the new field for their afternoon practices. Other sports teams, including the track team and the marching band have used the track and field to practice on during the last few months. Some gym classes have used the field for class as well (Photo by Adam Crozier).



New stadium enlists new Falcon mascot

By Emily Lloyd
As a Perry middle schooler, freshman **Bella Sandefer** had been credited for games, adorning herself in wings, cow bells and other fun accessories, being dubbed the "Perry Fairy".
Blue Crew sponsor **Nikki Knight**, and assistant Athletic Director, **Emily Steinmetz** were told about Sandefer's theatrics and she became Perry's new Falcon. Sandefer will be the first student to be the Falcon at most events. In the past, the Falcon role was passed around to many students who had volunteered on a whim.
Sandefer said she "has an exciting year ahead of her" with the introduction of a new Falcon bodysuit, and possibly more involvement with track, soccer and wrestling.
Right now, the school has videos of the Falcon in action, travelling throughout the school, with the help of Falcon TV sponsor, **Diane Turpen**, to advertise the



Bella Sandefer grins ear-to-ear in her attire as the new Falcon mascot (Photo by Alexis Lee).

mascot. Sandefer is involved in varsity swim, FEST and, now, becoming the full-time Falcon.
The new body suit is navy and grey, with a spiffy emblem to go with the new spiffy stadium. The suit itself weighs around 15 pounds. and is sweltering. During the football season, Sandefer will wear the suit along with an ice vest to protect her from the heat.
Due to the difficult transportation of the suit, she will be performing mostly at home games. She is hoping to face off with Southport's mascot and any others who cross her path.
Sandefer considers herself "crazy, energetic and always looking to make people laugh". As the Falcon she plans to get students more involved in JV games and making them more fan inclusive. She hopes to keep her mascot title all four years of highschool and maintain a spirited and interactive personality through the duration of those years.