



Newsletter

43rd Annual MHSFCA Clinic

Lansing Center • 15-17 January



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By Jerry Rabideau, Clinic Chair

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association cordially invites you to our 42nd Annual Clinic in Lansing Michigan on January 15-17th. This time honored tradition continues to grow and become stronger each year. 2015 will be our 2nd year in Lansing which provides a terrific and exciting venue for our program. The Downtown Lansing Radisson Hotel proves to be a terrific host for our overnight needs while the Lansing Center along with their staff and the Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau lend

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MHSFCA
Membership runs
January - December

visit: **MHSFCA.com**

MHSFCA Meetings & Important Dates

Board of Directors

Fall Meeting

Doherty Hotel, Clare
4-5 December, 2015

43rd Winners Circle Clinic

Lansing Radisson at the Capitol
January 15-17, 2015

2015 Leadership Conference

Lansing Radisson At the Capitol
16 February, 2015

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Board of Directors Election

Online • January 2015
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Boarder Classic MI v OH All Star Game

Tom Adams Field
Wayne State University
13 June 2015

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Winners Circle Clinic

Lansing Radisson
at the Capitol

January 15-17, 2015
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*** Region 18 includes all 8-Man football teams.

Even number Regions elected in even years.
Odd number Regions elected in odd years.

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Encourages
Contributors**

*Deadline for Submissions
for December Newsletter*

— Dec 1 —

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Winner's Circle Clinic January 15-17, 2015

Lansing Center
Host Hotel: Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capitol

Cost at the door - \$100.00
Register Early and save \$10!!!

Mail in registration - Deadline: December 20, 2014 - Cost: \$90.00

All mailed in registrations must be postmarked by 12/20/15.
If not, it will be returned and you will have to register at the door (Cost: \$100.00).

Register online - Deadline: January 2, 2014 - Cost: \$90.00

Register online @ www.mhsfca.com

*Note: Registering online will require credit card payment using Paypal.

Youth Coach Registration (Saturday Only at the Door) - \$30.00

Saturday's program is designed specifically for lower level & youth coach.

Registration opens at 4:00 pm - January 15, 2015

At the door registration cost: \$100.00

Room Reservation: Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capital

111 N. Grand Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 / Lansing
Mention MHSFCA Clinic



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SAVE \$\$ - Register EARLY - Deadline: December 20, 2014 when registering by mail.

One coach per registration form! Reproduce this form for each coach on your staff.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

School: _____

Email: _____

Number of Years Coached: _____

Current Coaching Position (Check One)

Varsity Head Coach Varsity Assist. Coach JV Head Coach

JV Assist. Coach Frosh Head Coach Frosh Assist. Coach

Middle School Head Coach Middle School Assist. Coach

Youth Coach Other (list): _____

Make check out to: **MHSFCA**
 Mail to:
Clinic Registration
PO Box 129
Fruitport, MI 49415

(Do not mail this form to any other address)

Office Use Only

Date: _____

Check #: _____

Amount: _____

Initials: _____

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their hands toward our success. I encourage you to use our online registration process for easy registration and membership. You can register at www.mhsfca.com. Head Coaches, please encourage "ALL" of your staff to attend and join our association. Topics and sessions will include wide varieties of information for every level of football from youth to Varsity. Everyone involved in your program can benefit from the top notch speakers from around the Midwest.

New this Year:

- On Line information about Speakers and Topics at www.mhsfca.com
- Awards Banquet and Food Bust at the Radisson Hotel
- Brian Kelly of Notre Dame as a Featured Speaker
- New and Expanded Speaker rooms
- Register for Clinic and Membership On Line at www.mhsfca.com
- A special expanded Saturday format of speakers geared for Youth and High School Coaches

Clinic Highlights:

- Thursday Night sessions with registration beginning at 4PM
- Speakers will begin sessions from 7 – 10 PM
- Located in the Lobby – College Recruiting Tables where recruiting information can be delivered and you can spend time discussing your players to college coaches.
- Plenty of Topic Choices with Up to 9 Concurrent Breakout Sessions!

- Huge amount of vendors on site with the most current football equipment, technology, uniforms and apparel available for inspection.
- Friday evening Awards Banquet in the Radisson Ballroom. This is a first class event honoring our State Champions and various award winners who have made a positive impact on our sport. There is no cost to attend, however please plan to stay through the event (5:30-7:30). See you there! Tickets available at the registration table and clinic booth.
- Friday Morning "Kickoff Session" with Div. I head football coaches, offensive/defensive coordinators and many other top college and high school football staff's. Most coaches are all from the Midwest and right here in our great state!
- Sessions are designed for the high school coaches with many presentations being made by our best high school programs.
- Friday Evening Reception in the Radisson Ballroom on 2nd floor. Starting at 9PM, come and enjoy all the food you can eat. Sit and relax while you enjoy re-establishing relationships with coaches and friends.
- Saturday morning features a Youth Football Program specifically geared for youth football coaches and board members.
- Unmatched service in one of the finest full service hotels in the Midwest.
- The Lansing site offers a complete football setting and experience along with an exceptional downtown area with restaurants and entertainment to meet your needs.

2014 Recruiting Nights

Coaches: Plan to attend a Recruiting Night scheduled near you. Meet and talk to D2, D3 and NIAA coaches about your prospects without worrying about the next bell. Introduce your prospects and their parents to the coaches. Do all you can to promote your player and your program to Michigan and mid-west schools looking for qualified student athletes.

In addition to the sites listed below, we expect to add a Recruiting Night in the City of Detroit and in central UP.

Check the web site, MHSFCA.com, and the December newsletter for more details.

Monday, December 1 • Walled Lake Western

Wednesday, December 3 • Flint Carmen Ainsworth

Tuesday, December 9 • Edsel Ford

Wednesday, December 10 • Lowell

Thursday, December 11 • Troy

Wednesday, December 11 • Grayling

MHSFCA Regions & Board Elections - ODD Regions

Regional Directors in ODD numbered regions will be selected in online elections in January 2015. If you are interested in running as a director in an ODD numbered region, you should contact Steve Wilson by email: swilson.fpt@gmail.com or USPS mail: Steve Wilson, 3010 Elm, Fruitport, MI 49415-9665 to have your name placed on the ballot. Regions are assigned by conference affiliation and then by geographic location with some exceptions. Regions were re-numbered in 2014 to reflect changing league alignments and numbers of schools. All 8-man football teams are now in Region 18.

MHSFCA Regions (# of Schools)

Region 1 (32)

Great Northern U.P. Conference
Great Western Conference
Mid-Eastern Football Conference
Mid-Peninsula Athletic Conference
Ski-Valley Conference
Western Peninsula Athletic Conference

Independent Schools

Rudyard
Sault Ste Marie

Region 2 (45)

Big North Conference
Highland Conference
North Star League - New
North Star League - Old
Northern MI Football League - I
Northern MI Football League - II
Ski-Valley Conference

Independent Schools

Cheboygan

Region 3 (35)

Central State Activities Association - Gold
Central State Activities Association - Silver
Lakes-8 Activities Conference
North Western 6 Football League
West Michigan Conference

Independent Schools

Manistee
Muskegon Heights

Region 4 (34)

Jack Pine Conference
Mid-State Athletic Conference - South
Tri-Valley Conference - Central
Tri-Valley Conference - West

Independent Schools

Bay City John Glenn
Pinconning
Standish-Sterling
Tawas Area

Region 5 (37)

Flint Metro League
Genesee Area Conference - Blue
Genesee Area Conference - Red
Saginaw Valley Association - Blue
Saginaw Valley Association - Red

Independent Schools

Saginaw Nouvel

Region 6 (49)

Ottawa-Kent Conference - Black
Ottawa-Kent Conference - Blue
Ottawa-Kent Conference - Bronze
Ottawa-Kent Conference - Gold
Ottawa-Kent Conference - Green
Ottawa-Kent Conference - Red
Ottawa-Kent Conference - Silver
Ottawa-Kent Conference - White

Independent Schools

Wyoming Tri-Unity Christian

Region 7 (35)

Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Conference- I
Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Conference - II
Red Arrow Conference
Southwestern Athletic Conference - North
Southwestern Athletic Conference - South
Wolverine "B" Conference - East
Wolverine "B" Conference - West

Region 8 (35)

Big "8" Conference
Interstate Eight Athletic Conference
Kalamazoo Valley Athletic Association
Southwestern MI Athletic Conference - East
Southwestern MI Athletic Conference - West

Independent Schools

Galesburg-Augusta

Region 9 (34)

Capital Area Activities Conference - Blue
Capital Area Activities Conference - Red
Capital Area Activities Conference - White
Central Michigan Athletic Conference
Greater Lansing Athletic Conference

Region 10 (31)

Cascades Conference
Lenawee County Athletic Association
Southern Central Athletic Association
Tri-County Conference

Region 11 (30)

Blue Water Area Conference
Greater Thumb Conference - East
Greater Thumb Conference - West
Tri-Valley Conference - East

Independent Schools

Bay City All Saints
Mayville

Region 12 (36)

Kensington Lakes Athletic Association - Central
Kensington Lakes Athletic Association - North
Kensington Lakes Athletic Association - South
Kensington Lakes Athletic Association - West
Southeastern Conference - Red
Southeastern Conference - White

Region 13 (40)

Downriver League
Huron League
Michigan Metro Athletic Conference
Western Wayne Athletic Conference- Blue
Western Wayne Athletic Conference- Red

Independent Schools

Dearborn Heights Star Int'l Academy
Detroit Consortium
Detroit University Prep Science & Math
Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech

Region 14 (24)

Catholic High School League - AA
Catholic League - Central
Catholic League - Intersectional
Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Independent Schools

Clarkston Everest Collegiate

Region 15 (25)

Charter School Conference
Detroit Public School League
Independent Schools
Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy
Detroit Edison

Region 16 (26)

Oakland Activities Association - Blue
Oakland Activities Association - Red
Oakland Activities Association - White
Independent Schools
Harper Woods
Detroit Country Day

Region 17 (37)

Macomb Area Conference - Blue
Macomb Area Conference - Bronze
Macomb Area Conference - Gold
Macomb Area Conference - Red
Macomb Area Conference - Silver
Macomb Area Conference - White
Independent Schools
Marine City Cardinal Mooney Catholic

Region 18 (8-Man) (34)

Bridge 8-Man Football Alliance
Central Michigan 8-Man Football Conference
Independent 8-Man
Mid-Michigan 8-Man Football League
North Central Thumb 8-Man League
Southern Michigan 8-Man League

Duties of Regional Directors

- I. Directors are responsible for the management of the affairs, funds and property of the association.
- II. Directors will promote membership in their region:
 - A. Secure total membership count for region from the membership Chair
 - B. Contact delinquent members urging re-enrollment.
- III. Represent the interests of the Association and his region at all Association Meetings.
 - A. Assume the duties relating to the committee assignment(s) made by the President. Promote all activities of the MHSFCA in his region
 - B. At the Summer Meetings, participate in committee work and bring names of honorary membership for nomination. Be available to help with whatever needs to be done to make the MHSFCA All-Star Game successful.
 - C. At the Fall meeting, come prepared with Coach of the Year responsibilities completed.
 1. Contact any coach from your region receiving a Regional Coach of the Year award.
 2. Make sure each honored coach is in attendance at the January clinic for his presentation.
 - D. Prior to January elections, if running for re-election, be sure your name has been properly placed on the ballot. If not seeking re-election, encourage at least two coaches from your region to run.
- IV. Attend the MHSFCA Winners Circle Clinic and be prepared to assume at least one Clinic responsibility. Bring a gift for a door prize.
- IV. Serve as an active member of whatever committee you were appointed to by the President.
- V. Report to your region all urgent business transacted or discussed as soon as possible. Keep a record of all expenses incurred in such cases of necessary communication and submit to the Executive Director for reimbursement.
- VI. Be ethical in all your football relationships so as to be a model to the coaches in your region.

To have your name placed on the ballot contact Steve Wilson in writing (email works).

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Coach-To-Coach Mentoring Program

Ever had a question about how to do your job as a coach and not know where to turn for an answer? Need the name of an experienced coach who you could talk to in confidence about answering that question - or solving that problem? The MHSFCA has initiated a new "mentoring" program that you can turn to for this kind of help. Called Coach-To-Coach, that is exactly what it is. Experienced coaches who have a long standing relationship with the MHSFCA (Past Presidents, Regional Directors, Committee Members, etc.) have agreed to have their names and contact information listed at MHSFCA.com as volunteer mentors. If you have something you need help with, look over the list, contact one (or more) of the Coach-To-Coach volunteers. Each of the volunteers has several years of coaching experience. Get their advice. It's free and confidential.

Find the list of Coach-To-Coach volunteers at

MHSFCA.com

You must be a member of MHSFCA to access this service.

Join online at MHSFCA.com

State Final Games Hospitality @ Ford Field

MHSCFA members are again invited to stop by the 7th floor *Rooftop Suite* hospitality room at the State Final games 28-29 Nov. (You must be a member for admission - membership will be available at our Association table in the Atrium. Immediate family members are invited to accompany members.)

More coaches each year take advantage of this opportunity to network with associates from across the state while watching the games from a great vantage point. Join us! Limited refreshments will be available.

Recruiting

The Recruiting Process:

College coaches will continue to acquire prospect information from high school coaches. They *discount information from commercial recruiting services*. These relationships are based on a trust built over time. Every college coach wants a truthful relationship with the high school coach. Inflated numbers, dishonest evaluations can hurt the high school coach's future recruits.

The role of the high school coach:

1. Supply viewable game tapes, in winter of junior year for most D1, middle to end of season for seniors.
2. Provide accurate student bio information and a copy of the high school transcript.
3. Complete the NCAA approved recruiting services forms so the prospects are listed in the publication.
4. Attend the MHSFCA December recruiting fairs. A number of colleges will only recruit our state at these fairs.

The role of the Student-Athlete:

1. Attend College Camps: This is where most college scholarships are awarded. Attend and perform at the different college camps in front of college coaches. College coaches want information they can trust. Performing on a college campus and against other prospects can reinforce a prospect's evaluation. Camp dates are on every web site.
2. Game Tapes: College coaches evaluate student athletes based on real game tape footage. Make sure the college coaches have your game tape at the appropriate time (December of Junior year for D1). If they feel you are a real prospect, they will connect with you or your coach (given NCAA restrictions). The higher the division desired, the earlier the tapes are needed. For example, some D1 offers could be based on sophomore tape and most are based on junior game tape.

Coaches, Student Athletes and Parents:

1. Understand the NCAA and NAIA Academic Eligibility rules before the student athlete's ninth grade year begins. The NCAA continues to add more restrictions to their eligibility process. Academic eligibility begins with the first semester report card in the 9th grade. All students and parents need to calculate the students NCAA CORE GPA every semester beginning with the 9th grade.
2. The overall GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) is the most important number in the recruiting process. The higher the GPA above a 3.0, the more athletic opportunities are available. The most important high school report card is the first semester of the student athletes ninth grade.
3. Academic Scholarships are Guaranteed: College athletic scholarships are limited and in high demand. Academic scholarships are available at all colleges and universities. All students can earn academic scholarships but athletic offers are determined by the evaluation of college coaches. Again, the most important report card is high school is the first semester of the 9th grade year.

Coach - You NEED to Watch the FREE WEBINAR detailing the Recruiting Process and Requirements available on the home page at MHSFCA.com!

Your athletes, their Parents and your school Counselors NEED to watch the Webinar!



NCAA/NAIA/JUCO
Student-Athlete/Parent
Eligibility and Recruiting
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**Watch your IN-BOX for
December's MHSFCA
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and
Seminars Schedule!**



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Award Nominations • Due by November 15

Hall of Fame

100 Career Wins
and/or 20 Years Coaching!

If you are aware of deserving Michigan High School Football Coaches who meet either of these two criteria and are not yet members of the MHSFCA Hall of Fame nominate them now. Don't assume someone else has taken the initiative!

To nominate a coach for membership in the Hall of Fame a letter is required. It must be received by Jack Carlson, MHSFCA Historian, before November 15 so that the nomination can be confirmed and considered at the Fall Board of Directors Meeting.

Send nominations to:

Jack Carlson
MHSFCA Historian
2195 Lakeridge Drive
Holland, MI 49423

Assistant Coach of Year

The award for Assistant Coach of the Year includes a category for a coach who has been a head coach, then returned to an assistant position in order to stay active in the sport. A nomination form, available at MHSFCA.com points out the requirement of ten years experience as an assistant. Due November 15.

Nominees MUST BE MEMBERS of the MHSFCA!

Send nominations to:

Pat Maloney
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(906) 478-3290

Steve Spicer Leadership

The Steve Spicer Memorial Team Leadership Award honors high schools throughout the State of Michigan who exemplify the legacy left to us by Steve Spicer, the former head football coach at Fowler High School. Steve was an outstanding coach, teacher, husband, father and community leader before his untimely battle with cancer took him from us. Steve, a member of our Football Coaches Hall of Fame, had an outstanding coaching record along with capturing a state football title while at Fowler. He was a great role model for the players he coached and the students he taught.

Send nominations to:

Dave Lawrence
Leadership Chair
6675 Wheeler Rd.
Dexter, MI 48130
dcndlawrence@fgrhsaa.org

Jim Crowley

The Jim Crowley Award is given in memory of the late, former head coach at Jackson Lumen Christi High School, a great coach and dedicated family man who was tragically killed at the height of his career. The award honors individuals who have made special contributions to the game of football and the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

If you would like to nominate an individual for this most prestigious award, please send a letter of nomination.

Send nominations to:

Larry Sellers
4380 Ridgemoor Dr.
Traverse City, MI 49684

Fran Herrington Woman of the Year

The Fran Herrington Award is presented in the memory of the late wife of John Herrington (Farmington Hills Harrison). Fran was a tremendous part of their football program and school community who gave tirelessly of her time and energy. She helped in creating a successful football program in her community, and she also worked on a number of projects for the MHSFCA. This award is presented annually to honor those women who have contributed their time, energy and expertise in promoting high school football in their community and the state of Michigan. This award is presented at the MHSFCA clinic in January.

Send nominations to:

Steve Robb
(734) 788-5562
robbs@divinechildhighschool.org

Also At MHSFCA.com

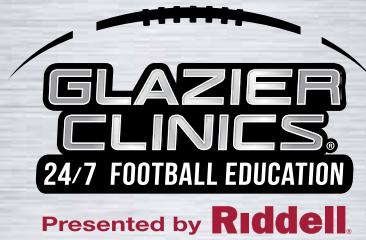
Alliance Award Nomination

Future Teachers/Coaches Information Sheet

MHSCA/Gatorade Coaching Service Award

Coaches' Placement Data Base

Scholarship Application



2015 MICHIGAN GLAZIER CLINICS

Detroit Clinic

February 12-14, 2015



Grand Rapids Clinic

February 20-22, 2015



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The Michigan Glazier Clinics boast a premier speaking lineup, including coaches from the Detroit Lions, Michigan State University, Ohio State University, Cincinnati Bengals, Cleveland Browns, Philadelphia Eagles, Brigham Young University, and many more. Besides the Michigan Glazier Clinics, other regional Glazier Clinics include Chicago, Indianapolis, Cleveland, and Cincinnati.

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Together, MHSFCA and Glazier Clinics provide coaches with the resources to take their teams to the next level. We wish you the best as you finish the 2014 season strong!

"As football becomes more competitive, we need to get as prepared as we can. Our edge comes when we go to the Glazier Clinics. Our staff feels confident and more prepared when we purchase the Glazier Clinics package."

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Walt Braun remembered at Marysville stadium

“He was one of the greatest men ever.”

Article courtesy of Matt Sheehan, The Times Herald

Fridays always were Walt Braun’s days. Every Friday night during his 33 years of coaching Marysville football, the bleachers were crammed with spectators hoping to see one of his hundreds of wins as a coach. People showed up in their favorite jersey, the band blared the fight song and seeing a Viking costume in the sea of people was almost the standard.

On Friday, August 15, 2014 at the late Braun’s memorial service, it was just another classic Vikings Friday at the stadium named after him.

Once again, the bleachers were filled for the legend. Instead of watching one of his wins, they told one of hundreds of stories about their old ball coach. Former players and fans showed up in their old, worn out blue jerseys. The band played for him one last time. Sure enough, a man clad in a Viking costume was present.

Braun’s Marysville-blue casket was also stationed on the same sideline where he coached his players, right on the 50 yard line. It could easily have been a somber day, but the memory of Braun’s sense of humor and appreciation for blonde and redneck jokes wouldn’t allow it.

“If a blonde and a brunette both dive out of a plane, who would hit the ground first?” Rev. Brendon Aspenson of the Community Wesleyan Church asked to start the service in Braun-like fashion. “The brunette, because the blonde would stop and ask for directions.”

The joke was followed by one of Braun’s eight grandchildren, Mikayla Warner, playing “Amazing Grace” on a trumpet.

From there, the memories began. Dave Houck, who coached with Braun, was one of the first people to speak about Braun’s impact on the community. He asked for every former player, coach, cheerleader, teacher and administrator who knew Braun to stand up.

Hardly anyone was still sitting on the bleachers. One of those standing was Jeff Poulsen, whose family moved when he was 3 years old so he could be coached by Braun one day. Even though Poulsen never got to play under Braun, he still showed up to many flag football, wrestling and baseball contests while he was growing up. “It didn’t matter how old you were, he knew your name,” the 2001 Marysville High graduate said. “He was one of the greatest men ever.”

To end Houck’s speech, he pointed out the ser-

vice was held on the same day football teams can start full-contact practice – or “Christmas Day,” as Braun would have called it.

Braun’s long-time friend Dick Denuyl spent half an hour telling jokes and reflecting on Braun’s knack for a laugh.

Denuyl told the story of how Braun once moved all the Denuyls’ furniture into the basement, making them think they were robbed while

they had been playing euchre next door. Denuyl said he got his revenge by taking all the tires off Braun’s car.

The Rev. Aspenson closed the service stating, “Somewhere in heaven, a much more organized game of football is being played.”

Before the band cued up the fight song to end the memorial, three doves were released from their cage. They flew over the 50 yard line of the field Braun once dominated. They turned left and soared over the school where he’d changed so many lives.

From there, the doves disappeared into the city that Braun helped put on the map, one Friday at a time.



Just Give Us One • September, 2014

By Mark Uyl, MHSAA Assistant Director

Like everyone reading this article, I absolutely love the game of football. It has been a life-long passion that has taught me countless lessons over the years as a player, coach and official. It is a game that teaches important values such as hard work, dedication, teamwork and sacrificing individual goals or attention for the betterment of the entire program. In my role with the MHSAA, one of my daily goals in this office is to make sure it continues to be a great game for future players, coaches and officials to come.

Over the past ten years, the average age of a MHSAA football official has slowly crept higher and higher. The number of young people getting involved in officiating has dwindled as we have less 20- and 30-year olds becoming involved than we had a decade ago. When watching Friday night highlights of games on the late news from around that state, I almost always focus on the officials that are in the background covering the play (yes, I actually do this). Most of the time, those officials appear to be very "experienced" in terms of their approximate age and I often wish to see more youthful faces with the mobile bodies that often come in that younger "packaging".

Whenever I get to speak to a group of coaches in any sport, a criticism I hear in each and every meeting is that we don't have enough good officials. Most coaches will acknowledge we have some outstanding officials but will then quickly add that we don't have enough of this very top group to work each and every game. Truth be told, I agree with this sentiment 100%. I hear you. We not only need MORE officials but we need more GOOD officials, especially more good YOUNG officials. In all levels of sports, the push for more quality officials is an everyday goal. This goal is no different in the NFL office than it is in the MHSAA office.

So how do we go about working on this problem? This is where we need the help of each MHSFCA member. If each football playing school at the end of this season could identify ONE senior that has the maturity, personality, confidence and interest in becoming an official, our problems of not enough young officials would quickly disappear. Our campaign is simple- we need each school to just give us one senior each year to add to the officiating ranks as they head off to college or enter the workforce full time.

We realize officiating is not for everyone. It does take a special person to be an official who has the skills of decisiveness, self-confidence and can set boundaries for how much verbal back-and-forth is appropriate. Our experience has shown us that former players who have a "feel" for the game become

much better officials much faster than those that never played the sport. Over the past decade as a college referee, the very best umpire I ever worked with was a former college offensive lineman. He knew exactly what linemen were being taught, what they were trying to do and was the very best communicator with kids in the trenches on both sides of the ball. He simply had a knack for cleaning up problems and shutting down situations when they first happened so we were just playing football inside, not babysitting kids around the piles and after the whistle. This came from someone being "in the game" who simply transitioned from the uniform with a helmet and shoulder pads to a different uniform of a striped shirt and whistle. We need more of our former players to be made aware of this opportunity to stay in the game and on the field.

I truly believe that every school's football program has one graduating senior each year that fits this mold. It's a way for kids who have finished their playing career to continue to look forward to that next football game for years to come. There was no better feeling than sitting in a classroom early in the week as a high school student looking forward to Friday night's game. As an official, that feeling is still there each fall Monday morning while in the office, job site, sales meeting or home knowing that you, too, have a football game this coming Friday night.

Please know we will allow that senior from your school to register with the MHSAA for FREE that first year out of school! We are looking for kids with a true interest in officiating, and we ask that you simply send that player's name and contact information to us here at the MHSAA and we will do the rest. My email is mark@mhsaa.com.

Thanks in advance for your help to "Just Give Us One"! Together we can make sure our game stays great for many years to come! Best wishes to each and every one of you that the rest of your 2014 season is one that is safe, memorable and successful.

Michigan defeats Ohio 27-14 In the inaugural Border Classic

By Jim Sparks, Michigan All Star Chair, Clawson High School

Walk tall Michigan HS football fans you all have a lot to be proud of. This past June a group of 40 young men along with a dedicated coaching staff took to the field to represent HS football in our state and did us all proud by defeating the Ohio all stars 27-14. Thinking back to when the idea of playing Ohio was first presented all I remember is the room filled with doubt and uncertainty. Sure, issues like finances and abandoning our East-West format were discussed but it was the concern over whether or not we could compete with a team from Ohio. I am not sure whether it was because of the recent dominance Ohio had over Pennsylvania in the Big 33 game or all of the FBS recruits that get the press clippings every February. Whatever the case, many people were fearful of a Michigan team travelling into Ohio and reinforcing the perception that the best HS football in the Midwest is played south of the Michigan and Ohio border. Nobody, not even me, could have imagined how the players and coaches of the 2014 team Michigan would respond to the challenge. From day one the dedication to represent our state was evident. The coaching staff of Mike Zdebski, Brian Lemons, Scott Merchant, Ed Greenman, Tim Szegda, and Mike Weiskoph were driven to prove the doubters wrong. Countless hours of watching film, contacting HS and college coaches, and reviewing proposed rosters were the building blocks that would later lead to the success on the field.

When our players were brought together they were immediately bonded by the common cause of beating Ohio. At no time leading up to the event was there any doubt in the minds of our players that they would come out on top. This was not only evident in their attitudes but in their actions as well. Attendance at our practices and walkthroughs was impressive. Working hard and being dedicated to the cause quickly became the norm. When it came time to take the show on the road our association represented itself in a first class manner. From the time our team got off of the charter bus that picked up players at various stops across the state to the time the ball was kicked off, team Michigan was nothing but a first rate operation. The players were gentlemen in the dorms and dining halls, our uniforms and gear were second to none, and our coaching staff demonstrated the qualities that are indicative of so many coaches here in Michigan. As for the game it couldn't have gone better. Ohio finished with negative yards rushing and team Michigan dominated in every facet of the game. Afterwards there was no more talk about how much better the quality of HS football is in Ohio. The discussion quickly turned to how tremendous the players and coaches from Michigan were. None of this would have been possible without the support of the entire MHSFCA. We should all feel equally proud of what we accomplished last year in Ohio. Walk tall Michigan and we will see you all next June at the second annual Border Classic Game at Wayne State!
Go Michigan! Beat Ohio! (again!)



Team Michigan



#	Name	Position	Height	Weight	High School	HS Coach	College
8	Jason Alessi	S	6'1"	180	Birmingham Brother Rice	Al Fracassa/David Sofran	Yale
63	Dimitri Angelas	OG	6'5"	291	Northville	Matt Ladach	University of Massachusetts
19	Kyle Bambar	K	5'9"	175	Walled Lake Western	Mike Zdebski	North Carolina State University
59	David Beedle	DT	6'5"	297	Clarkston	Kurt Richardson	Michigan State University
6	Parris Bennett Jr.	LB	6'0"	215	University of Detroit Jesuit	Oscar Olejniczak	University of Syracuse
12	Malik Boynton	WR	6'1"	182	Melvindale	Jason Carriveau	Austin Peay
2	Jalen Brooks	QB	6'2"	190	Cadillac	Jim Webb	Ferris State University
3	Curtis Brunson	CB	5'10"	165	Farmington	John Bechtel	Ohio University
32	Byron Bullough	LB	6'2"	235	Traverse City St Francis	Greg Vaughn	Michigan State University
21	Chris Carter	CB	5'10"	189	Birmingham Brother Rice	Al Fracassa/David Sofran	North Dakota State University
7	Amari Coleman	Slot	5'11"	175	New Lothrop	Clint Galvias	Central Michigan University
2	Dillon Dixon	S	6'0"	185	University of Detroit Jesuit	Oscar Olejniczak	Saginaw Valley State University
75	Curtis Doyle	OG	6'5"	305	Alma	Dan Falor	Western Michigan University
4	Jalen Embry	CB	5'11"	176	Detroit Martin Luther King	Dale Harvel	University of Iowa
25	Ian Erikson	RB	5'10"	195	Clarkston	Kurt Richardson	Eastern Michigan University
70	Chris Hendricks	DT	6'5"	280	Fruitport	Greg Vargas	Eastern Michigan University
2	Jimmie Hodge	DT	6'1"	290	Montrose	Dennis Reinhart	Ferris State University
2	Marquian Johnson	WR	6'4"	202	Clawson	Jim Sparks	Saginaw Valley State University
67	Alex Joss	C	6'5"	305	Walled Lake Western	Mike Zdebski	Ball State University
55	Brandon Keen	OT	6'6"	290	Our Lady of the Lakes	Josh Sawicki	Central Michigan University
78	Austin Labus	C	6'6"	300	Portage Northern	Pete Schermerhorn	Bowling Green State University
5	Corey Lacanaria	Slot	5'9"	160	Birmingham Brother Rice	Al Fracassa/David Sofran	Ball State University
7	Rico Lewis	S	6'2"	170	Detroit East English Village	Rod Oden	University of Findlay
7	Avonté Maddox	Slot	5'9"	165	Detroit Martin Luther King	Dale Harvel	University of Pittsburgh
55	Nick Matich	DT	6'2"	290	Clarkston	Kurt Richardson	Western Michigan University
79	Chukwuma Okorafor	OT	6'6"	295	Southfield	Tim Conley	Western Michigan University
50	Nick Padla	OT	6'6"	289	Berrien Springs	Bill Bergan	Michigan State University
20	Kyle Rachwal	LB	6'3"	225	Lapeer East	Jake Weingart	Eastern Michigan University
17	Giovanni Rescigno	QB	6'4"	220	Warren DeLasalle	Paul Verska	Rutgers
9	Dylan Roney	DE/FB	6'2"	240	Detroit Catholic Central	Tom Mach	Navy
12	Alberto Sandoval	DE	6'4"	265	Birmingham Brother Rice	Al Fracassa/David Sofran	Cornell
4	Damon Singleton	LB	6'2"	210	Wyandotte Roosevelt	Ron Adams	Ball State University
10	Brandon Sowards	WR	6'1"	196	Wyandotte Roosevelt	Ron Adams	Michigan State University
13	Devon Spaulding	TB	5'10"	205	Westland John Glenn	Tim Hardin	Central Michigan University
44	Mitch Stanitzek	DE/TE	6'4"	240	Grand Rapids West Catholic	Dan Rohn	Central Michigan University
17	Zachary Walker	Slot	6'1"	185	Forest Hills Central	Tim Rogers	Robert Morris University
5	Jared Wangler	LB	6'2"	215	Warren DeLasalle	Paul Verska	University of Michigan
1	Jalen Watts-Jackson	CB	5'11"	180	Orchard Lake St Mary's	George Porritt	Michigan State University
99	Blake Williams	DE/TE	6'4"	250	Romeo	Jason Couch	North Dakota State University

Coaches

Head Coach Mike Zdebski, Walled Lake Western High School; 1st Assistant Brian Lemons, Gabriel Richard High School (Ann Arbor); Ed Greenman, Harper Creek High School (Battle Creek); Scott Merchant, Chippewa Valley High School (Clinton Twp.); Michael Weiskopf, Walled Lake Western High School; Tim Szegda, Gabriel Richard High School (Ann Arbor)

Team Michigan

2015 NATIONAL WING-T CLINIC

FRIDAY, JAN. 23rd- SATURDAY, JAN. 24TH

For the Second year we will be at the Embassy Suites.

To make your reservation: please call
412-269-9070 or
1-800-embassy (1-800-362-2779)

The clinic will once again be sponsored by **LEGENDS FITNESS** (1-800-770-7781)



All the Coaches that attended this past January felt that the Embassy Suite was a huge upgrade from the Holiday INN. It is a much better, more professional setting, the rooms are nicer, and the meeting rooms are a little bigger. Everything that we do, including the Hospitality room will stay intact. The room rates will be \$89.00 dollars per night. All of the rooms are 2 room suites. They all have a kitchen and family room area. Two queen beds and single bed rooms are available plus all of the rooms have a couch that pulls out to a double bed with a quality mattress. So even the king bed rooms are actually doubles.

The Schedule will be very similar to last year's clinic only bigger and better. Once again, we have assembled an excellent group of Wing-T speakers. They will speak on all aspects of Wing-T Football. So far we have assembled the following coaches to speak at the Clinic. We will have all of their specific topics listed on our Web site by December 6th. We will be sending several E-Mails to you, in order, to give you all of the updates.

Speaker Levels: A = Advanced, Y/A = Relative to High School and Youth Coaches. Y = More relative to Youth Coaches

- A **Bruce Cobligh** (Game Planning & Coaching the Multiple Hybrid Wing-T Jet/ Rocket Offense)
- A **Jeff Herron** Former Camden County Georgia (Traditional & Shot Gun Wing-t)
- Y/A **Paul Conner** Offensive Line Fundamentals and Practice Organization.
- Y/A **Gerry Gallagher** (RB Fundamentals and Traditional Wing-T Topics)
- Y/A **Tom Herman**(Wing-t Offensive Line Rules, Concepts, Blocking schemes and Techniques)
- Y/A **Dave McDonald** (Shot gun Wing-t and No Huddle Concepts.

We have 5 more Speakers we are considering at this time.

I have all of the pertinent information listed below. For all of your questions go to www.nationalwingtclinic.com and get the most updated info. Last year we had over 400 coaches from over 26 different states attend the clinic. The coaches came from as far as the Florida Keys, California, Maine, Georgia, Alabama, Indiana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Washington, Mass, The Carolina's and ECT. Two years ago we had coaches from Alaska & Hawaii attend.

We are expecting over 500 Wing-T Coaches this year. The Hotel will fill up fast (the Hotel filled up early last year), so if you are interested please call the hotel and get your reservations in as soon as possible. **Please check out the Web sight for all of the updates.**

If you have any questions please call me at 814-824-2269 or E-mail me at therman@mercyhurst.edu

When reserving your room, tell them you are attending the National Wing-T clinic to secure the special room rate.

The hotel will provide free shuttle service from the Pittsburgh Airport.

Our clinic fee will includes our Hospitality Room, Friday Pizza Party and a breakfast buffet Saturday Morning at the hotel.

VENDORS

We will have space for venders that wish to sell their goods. If anyone knows of any venders that wish to have a booth at our clinic have them call me at 814-824-2269.

You can E-Mail Dave McDonald at:
nationalwingt@gmail.com

You can E-Mail Tom Herman at:
therman@mercyhurst.edu

NATIONAL WING-T CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM 2014

www.nationalwingtclinic.com

School Name: _____ Contact Name: _____

School Address:
Street: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip Code: _____

Telephone No: _____

Fax Number _____

Email Address: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Pre-Registration Cost per coach: \$85.00

Onsite Registration per coach: \$95.00

Check Enclosed. Make checks payable to: **Tom Herman** (National Wing-T Clinic)

Purchase Order, PO # _____

Money order or Bank Check

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED = _____

Name(s) of coaches you are purchasing a Registration for (#1 being Primary Contact):

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
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I confirm that all the coaches listed above coach at the named school or affiliate junior high School. Each coach must present a photo ID when they officially register.

Tom Herman
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501 East 38th St.
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If you have any questions call Coach Tom Herman @814-824-2269 or E-Mail him @ therman@mercyhurst.edu or Dave McDonald @ dmcDonald@casdfalcons.org or nationalwingt@gmail.com



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The Detroit Lions High School Football Coach of the Week (COTW) program will recognize and honor those Michigan high school football coaches who continuously demonstrate hard work and dedication to their football programs by creating successful football teams and players both on and off the field. It also will continue to provide high schools with financial assistance through \$1,000 grants to maintain and upgrade their football programs with the purchase of new helmets, equipment, etc.

We will conduct the Detroit Lions High School Football Coach of the Week program for the nine weeks of the regular season and then select a Detroit Lions High School Football Coach of the Year (COTY) at the conclusion of the state championships. The Detroit Lions High School Football Coach of the Year will receive a \$3,000 grant for his program. At the Detroit Lions vs. Minnesota Vikings game on December 14, we will acknowledge all our COTW winners as well as our COTY selection with tickets to the game, a pre-game brunch, and an on-field acknowledgement ceremony.

The selected Detroit Lions High School Football Coach

of the Year will be automatically nominated for the Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year Award program. The Don Shula NFL High School Football Coach of the Year winner is honored at a Super Bowl Press Conference; receives a \$10K contribution and a \$15K grant for his football program while finalists receive \$2500 cash rewards and \$5K football program grants.

For the third straight year, we are emphasizing player health and safety in this program by requiring our voting panel members to consider nominees' activities/philosophies to advance and promote player health and safety in their programs. Along with the on-field recognition, we are looking at what the recipient does in terms of player health and safety, which includes the recipients' philosophies on teaching the fundamentals of the game, proper tackling techniques (do they adhere to the Heads Up Tackling curriculum?), concussion management practices, adherence to heat and hydration guidelines, etc.

If you have questions, please contact Christ Fritzsching at Chris.Fritzsching@lions.nfl.net



Michigan's Insurance Company

Week 1

Detroit, MI—The Detroit Lions have named Kevin Townsend of Freeland High School the week one recipient of the 2014 Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan High School Football Coach of the Week Program. Coach Townsend led his Falcons to a 42-0 victory over Lake Fenton during opening weekend of the high school football season. In his 11th year of coaching and his 9th season as head coach at Freeland, Townsend has directed the Falcons to playoff appearances in each of the last 6 seasons. Townsend's career record is 50-32. This Friday, Freeland plays their home opener against Ovid-Elsie in a Tri-Valley Conference Central Division game. The Freeland Athletic Department also places a strong

emphasis on player health and safety. Football student-athletes, along with other Freeland student-athletes, participate in baseline concussion testing through Axon Sports. The Freeland athletic trainer also uses the Sports Concussion Assessment Tool (SCAT 2), the modified Balance Error Scoring System (BESS) test and the reaction stick ruler test in evaluating student-athletes for concussions. The Athletic Department is also working with the University of Michigan-Flint's physical therapy department in a balance study called Quantifying Balance Performance in High School Adolescents using Portable Force Plates System. The study will be used to understand the recovery of students who have suffered from concussions.

Week 2

Detroit, MI—The Detroit Lions have named Dan Boggan of Lansing Sexton High School the week two recipient of the 2014 Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan High School Football Coach of the Week Program. On September 6, Coach Boggan led his Big Reds to an 18-8 victory over Monroe. In his 19th year of coaching at Sexton and his 13th season as head coach, Boggan has directed the Big Reds to playoff appearances in 8 seasons, including an appearance in last year's Division 4 state semi-finals. Boggan's career record is 84-45. This Friday, Sexton, currently ranked #2 in Division 4, goes on the road to take on Grand Ledge in a Capital Area Activities Conference Blue Division game. In terms of student-athlete health and safety, the Sexton Athletic Department works with the Michigan State University Sports Medicine department, who administers ImPact concussion testing for all football student-athletes. ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) provides trained clinicians with neurocognitive assessment tools and services that have been medically accepted as state-of-the-art best practices as part of determining safe return to play decisions.

Week 3

Detroit, MI—The Detroit Lions have named Gus Kapolka of Cedar Springs High School the week three recipient of the 2014 Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan High School Football Coach of the Week Program. On September 12, Kapolka led his Red Hawks to a 46-7 victory over Monroe to go to 3-0 on the season. Currently in his 2nd year at Cedar Springs, Kapolka spent 9 seasons as a head coach at Manistee, taking the Chipewas to 3 state playoff berths. He also spent 4 years as an assistant at Boyne City and 4 years as an assistant at Warren Lincoln. This Friday, the Red Hawks go on the road to take on Grand Rapids Catholic Central. In terms of student-athlete health and safety at Cedar Springs High School, all Cedar Springs coaches from varsity to the middle school are first aid, CPR, and AED certified. Student-athletes in varsity football, boys/girls soccer and wrestling are also administered baseline concussion testing through Concussion Vital Signs. This scientifically based system, as part of a medical evaluation, helps facilitate confident return-to-play decisions, while helping to protect the future of student athletes in sports, academics, and life.

MHSFCA Partnership with NFL and American Cancer Society (ACA)

A Crucial Catch Game

From the ACA

We at the American Cancer Society are excited to once again partner with the Michigan High School Football Association, State Champs and the Detroit Lion's on this year's NFL A Crucial Catch initiative during the month of October to fight breast cancer. For those of you who have not heard, the NFL is reaching out to high school coaches to get involved in this important effort. You may have seen the email from Coach Andy Reid, Kansas City Chiefs, encouraging you to join in. Thank you to all of the coaches who have already signed up and have agreed to host a "pink" game during the month of October! If you are interested in planning a game and haven't yet registered your team, there is still time to get involved. The American Cancer Society will provide all of the tools and resources to help make your game successful and easy! To get involved, sign up at cancer.org/acrucialcatch. If you haven't been able to find a spot in your schedule to host a game, you can still do something to join in the fight! Below are a few easy ways for your team to still be involved even if you can't host a game this season. Other ways to participate include:

- Sign up online at cancer.org/acrucialcatch and create a team page. Then get your players and parents to join

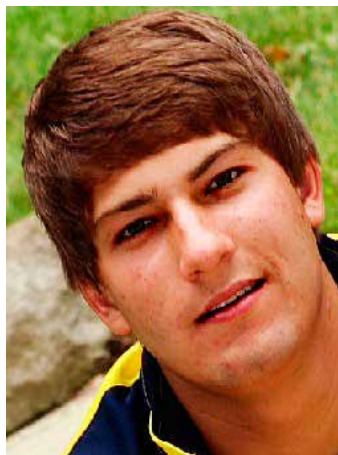
your team online and send emails to their family and friends asking for \$5 or \$10 donations. The website tracks all participating schools, so challenge your team to be #1!

- Recruit students and parents to sell A Crucial Catch football cutouts at lunches or games for \$1 or more and create a "Wall of Hope" for your school.
- Sell luminaria bags for \$10 to honor people who have lost their battle or are currently fighting cancer. (Luminaria are small white "lunch bags" that can be decorated with names and photos of people who have been touched by cancer. Once decorated, the bags are filled with sand and a candle and line the track in honor of survivors and those we have lost).
- Challenge your team to host A Crucial Catch bottle drive during the month of October and donate the proceeds to the American Cancer Society. Start planning for this or next year's A Crucial Catch game! For more information, contact the American Cancer Society at acrucialcatch@cancer.org or 800-227-2345. To learn more, please visit nfl.com/pink.

2014 MHSFCA Competitive Scholarship Winners



Kanon Dean
Lowell



Carmine Finelli
Hartland



Seth Malcolm
Standish-Sterling Central



Jarrett Reichel
Onsted



Jason Sammut
Romeo

Do a reading program in an elementary school? Apply for this award!

Adrenaline/MHSFCA Community Service Reading Award

The Adrenaline/MHSFCA Community Service Reading Program is a community service project in which high school student athletes are matched-up with elementary teachers and their students. The high school football players sit-in on the elementary classroom one class period per week, (at least during the football season) and read to the students.

Adrenaline has pledged to fund the Community Service Reading Award and provide us with two \$500 dollar grants for award winning programs. The grants, to the elementary schools that participated in the reading programs, are for the purchase of library books.

Application Due: 15 November

Send to: Grant Fanning
2594 Andrew Thomas Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
fanningg@saline.k12.mi.us • (734) 323-7476

Include:

- Your name, school, email, phone and address
- A letter of recommendation from a school administrator in a participating elementary school
- A description of qualifying activities



Detroit Lions and Ford Motor Company Announce Quick Lane Bowl Game at Ford Field

*Presented by Quick Lane
Detroit (August 26, 2014)*

The Detroit Lions announced today a multi-year agreement with Ford Motor Company's Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center designating Quick Lane as title sponsor for the annual bowl game held at Ford Field in Detroit. This year's game is scheduled for Dec. 26, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. The Quick Lane Bowl will air nationally on ESPN.

Tickets for the game were available for purchase starting Thursday, August 28 at quicklanebowl.com, the Ford Field box office (open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) or by calling 877.212.8898.

"With a national platform to showcase the city of Detroit as well as Southeast Michigan football tradition, it was important for us to partner with an organization like Quick Lane who has a strong local and national presence," said Detroit Lions President Tom Lewand. "We look forward to collaborating to institute a great bowl game tradition at Ford Field for years to come."

The Quick Lane Bowl will feature teams from the Big Ten and ACC conferences. At the end of the college football season, officials from both conferences will meet with bowl officials to determine the best possible matchup and choose their team representatives.

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to support this valuable football tradition," said Frederiek Toney, vice president, Ford Motor Company and president, Ford Customer Service. "With over 700 Quick Lanes available in communities across the U.S., we're hoping to continue to raise awareness among consumers for the fast service, value and convenience our Quick Lanes deliver."

The Detroit Lions are only the second NFL team (after the Houston Texans) to host and operate a college

football bowl game. The team's entertainment division, DLI Entertainment, has promoted multiple large-scale shows and events at Ford Field, including seven consecutive sold-out Kenny Chesney concerts, Taylor Swift, the 2003 Basketbowl, 2008 NCAA Men's Basketball Regionals, 2009 NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four and the 2010 NCAA Men's Ice Hockey Frozen Four.

About Quick Lane

Ford's Quick Lane Tire & Auto Centers offer routine vehicle maintenance such as oil and filter changes, light repair services including brake repair, and tire replacements on all vehicle makes and models. Customers can visit www.quicklane.com to find a center that is closest to them, print savings coupons and review maintenance tips to keep their vehicle running at peak efficiency. This site includes information on how to spot tire wear, how to jump-start a battery and even a series of tips to improve a vehicle's fuel economy.

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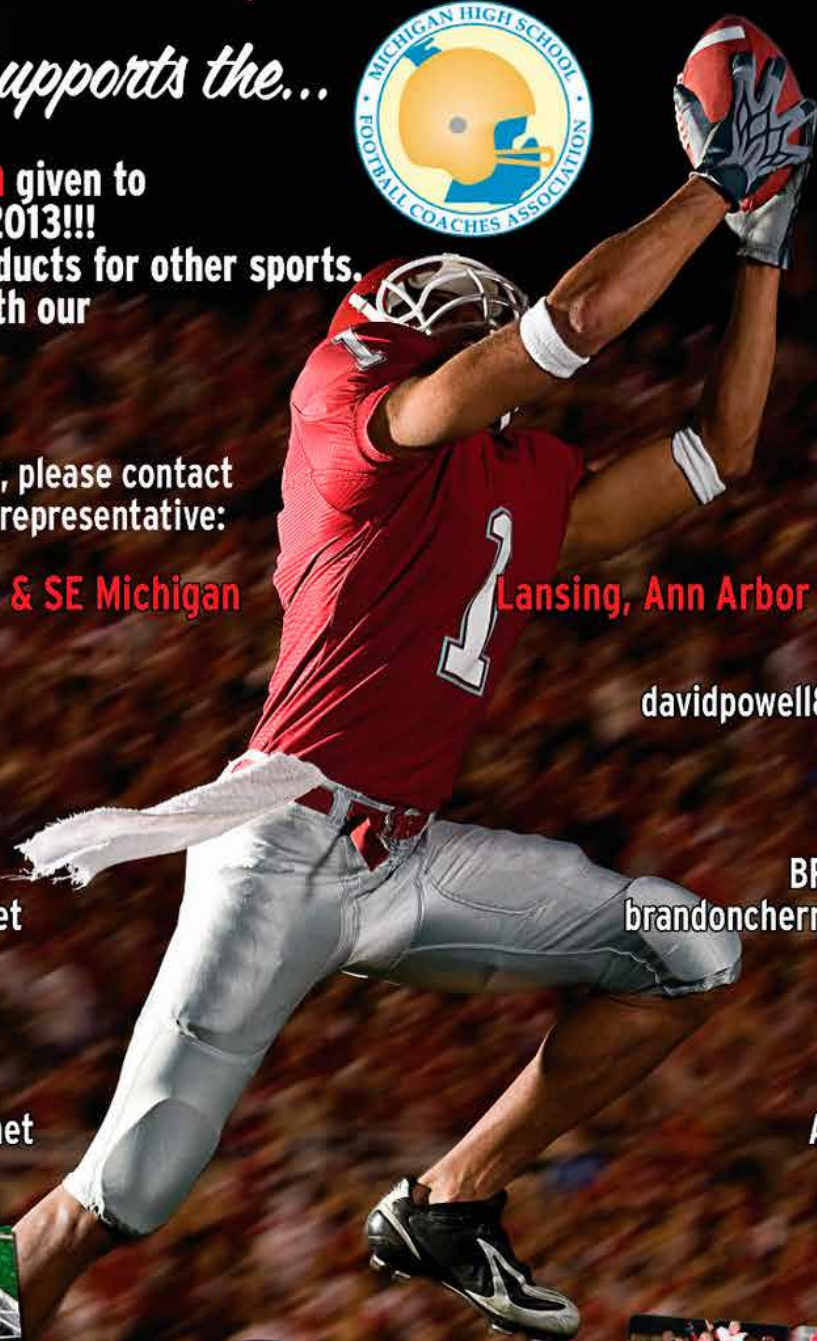
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