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Mooney alumnus Kyle McCarthy battles cancer

Christian Lowery
Reporter



Dealing with and playing through health issues is part of a football player's DNA. Apparently, it extends to coaching too. Former Cardinal Mooney student and football player, Kyle McCarthy, was recently diagnosed with cancer.

McCarthy, at quarterback, led Mooney to win the 2004 OHSAA Division IV State Championship. Afterwards, McCarthy committed to Notre Dame, where he was a team captain in 2009, and as a safety lead the Fighting Irish in tackles and interceptions.

After playing the last four seasons in the NFL on three different teams, knee injuries terminated his playing days. McCarthy, a graduate assistant for Notre Dame who coaches safeties, now battles cancer.

According to Notre Dame Sports, McCarthy began chemotherapy treatment Aug. 13 to battle what is described as a "treatable" form of cancer. Unfortunately, the cancer was found to have spread to other unspecified locations.

Michael McCarthy, Kyle's youngest brother, said "Kyle had non seminoma cancer which spread to his lymph nodes. He just finished his second round of four Sept. 5." Since then, Kyle's blood work has come back great, and shows that so far the chemo is positively working. Throughout chemo, McCarthy is keeping his mind busy and still going to work every day.

"The only thing he cares about right now is his players," said Michael. Who needs pep talks when McCarthy provides them with inspiration just by showing up?

"Kyle is an incredible young man and he's got a strong will," said Mark Lyden, Cardinal Mooney strength and conditioning coach. "Kyle was one of the first players I had the privilege of coaching here, and



I remember how tough of a competitor he was. He's a strong guy, and I don't expect he's going to let this beat him."

McCarthy is thankful for all the support he receives from his friends, family, and his alma mater. "Thank you guys for all the concern and support. It was comforting knowing so many people and especially the Mooney Family, are thinking of me and my family. It was scary when we first heard the news but during times like this, you have to be tougher than usual. Keeping the mind positive 100% of the time is the most important thing. I'm truly blessed to have such amazing love and support from family and friends. Thank you everyone for your thoughts and prayers over the last few weeks, and everything is going to be just fine."

Opponents meet their match with the girls' tennis team

Olivia Proia
Reporter

From dedication to early morning practice, to supporting each other on the court, Mooney's girls' tennis team managed to remain close friends and tout a striking record of 18-0.

"Although we lost great seniors, we gained a lot of new enthusiastic freshman," said Lizzie Mathews, junior, "They started off slow, but they are really starting to hit."

Dominique Cicchi, Jamie DiDominico, and Kacey Haggerty graduated.

The ladies "sister-like" bond is the secret to their success.

"We always make sure to pray together before each match and celebrate team dinners together at the MVR," said Gianna Reider, senior.

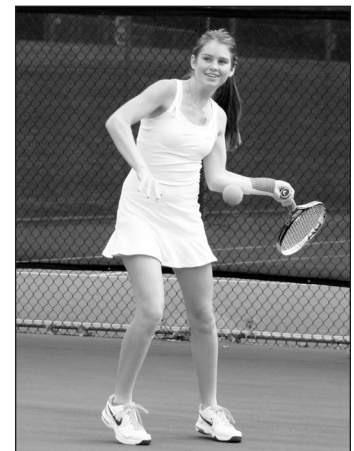
The team hopes to continue their recent tradition of holding district and state titles, while continuing an undefeated season.

"As this is my last year, I

hope the freshman learn hard work really does pay off, and that you can be a tough competitor while being friendly to the competition," said Hallie Yerian, senior.

Other team members are freshmen Jessica DiDominico, Christine Fortine, Isabella Francisco, Julia Giamboi and Hannah Matthews, sophomore Bridget Sweeney, junior Jami Difabio, and senior Juliet Chevrier.

The ladies are coached by Jimmy Leslie.



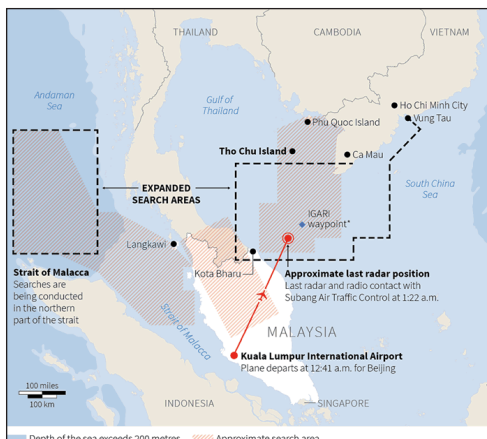
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Malaysian Mystery: Flight still missing

By: Michelle Hanna
Reporter

After six months, Malaysian Airlines Flight 370's disappearance remains a mystery. In addition, Malaysian Flight 17 faced a similar tragic disaster, shot down while flying over eastern Ukraine just four months after MH370 vanished.

Flight 370 disappeared March 8 after it veered off its original northerly course from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to Beijing and flew south. To this day, no trace of the Boeing 777 or the plane's 239 passengers have been found, despite investigators continued full-scale search.



Map of search area for Flight MH370

"I find it difficult to believe they don't know where that plane went down," said Olivia Proia, senior. "My dad's friend is a pilot who flies the same kind of plane, and he said the government knows where you are at all times. I think someone knows where it is and for some reason are not releasing that information."

July 17, Flight 17 was shot out of the sky above Eastern Ukraine, an area controlled by pro-Russian separatists, while on course from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur. All 298 on board were killed.

As yet there are no clear answers for the cause of either calamity, investigators' in-depth examinations of both events have not faltered.

Regarding MH370, experts still believe the answers lie in the southern Indian Ocean, and have narrowed the search zone to 23,000 square miles.

Investigators, over the past weeks, have mapped the sea's floor with advanced underwater sonar equipment and cameras looking for parts of the missing plane.

"That search will continue until all that is humanly possible to be done has been done to sour the probably impact zone," Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott, told CBS News.

Crash experts recently released a preliminary report stating that, according to evidence like the plane's cockpit voice recorder and air traffic control, rebels in Ukraine probably shot down MH17. Rebels denied having anything to do with the crash.

"First they thought it was terrorists, and then they thought it was Russian rebels," said Ray'shawn Wallace, sophomore. "I don't know, but it's crazy."

As the searches continue, the saddened family members of the victims of both Malaysian flights desperately wait for answers regarding the fate of their loved ones.



Workers recover bodies from scene

Ebola patients arrive in the United States

By: Tyler Kelley
Reporter

Recently, some Americans feared a potential pandemic of the Ebola virus in this country, but this is not the case among the students of Cardinal Mooney.

"Ebola? I have no idea what that is," said Billy Sweeney, senior. He is not alone.

Matt Bollinger, senior, said he first heard of Ebola when given an assignment concerning the virus for AP Biology class.

The Ebola outbreak of 2014 has spread in regions of Africa, especially in the country of Guinea, and has taken more than two thousand lives. Only a few who contracted the virus recovered, and as of now, Ebola is considered incurable.

Symptoms of the virus include: fever, severe headache, muscle pain/weakness, vomiting and diarrhea, and these usually take effect about eight to ten days after exposure, according to a study published by the Centers of Disease Control.

Some brave Americans risked their lives as voluntary doctors and nurses to treat the Ebola patients, and consequently, they contracted the virus themselves.

Two doctors and a nurse were returned to America, under isolation, into CDC hospitals, where they were treated with an experimental drug and cured.

Doctors wish to move on this development, and continue the distribution to African patients. This has sparked some controversy, as the drug lacks approval from the

Food and Drug Administration.

"Without treatment, the sickness spreads anyway and more deaths will result. Why shouldn't they distribute the drug to the ill?" said Alex Ugolini, senior. "It couldn't do worse harm than the virus itself, so why not?"

The Ebola crisis was loosely referred to as a possible threat to national security, but the CDC, the World Health Organization, and other officials assure Americans they have little to fear.

There is a school of thought that still opposes this course of action, fearing an outbreak in this country.

"I don't fear an epidemic in America. If the CDC can't be trusted contain the virus, then no one can," said Ugolini.

Speak, Yell, Debate, Mime and Win

By: Alex Ugolini
Reporter



Forget about football season. The Cardinal Mooney Speech and Debate team is gearing up to start another season, and it could be the best yet.

Tryouts were held and the electricity of another season is in the air. As freshmen begin to find their voices, returning members also seek to bolster themselves, do more research, put in more hours and work just as hard.

The debate team lost prolific professional arguers Lily Appugliese and Sheila Christopher, both will be sorely missed for their skill and moral support, while the speech team lost extemp pro Melissa Eperjesi. However, the Speech Team will recover from these losses, as many valiant and expert speakers return looking to make a name for themselves.

"I'm extremely honored to be the president," said Caroline Smith, senior, and president of the debate team. "We have an exceptional program with lots of heart and talent, especially this year."

Johnny D'Andrea, senior, and returning state champ in duo, shares this opinion. "Speech is really my passion and has changed my life. Having my hard work pay off is the best experience I've ever had," said D'Andrea.

Accomplished Speech and Debate Coach Jen Gonda outlined her aspirations and thoughts about the upcoming season.

"My hopes for this season are the same as every season: to enable each student to have a chance at success. I obviously want us to be the best in every category, and this will come from hard work and dedication. I also hope our new members will find the same enjoyment I found. We are always evolving. Last year we were strong in the Impromptu category, but since that category has been dissolved and replaced with a new category called Expository, it will be interesting to see how we adapt to this change."

With the first tournament looming in early November, members must prepare.

Dan Driscoll, junior, and Smith, returning Lincoln-Douglas debaters, hope to continue their past excellence, as do Public Forum debaters Vince Vostatek and Caroline Driscoll, seniors.


D'Andrea and Jen Rondinelli have, for now, decided to split up their dynamic duo and try new categories.

Mario's Movies: Summer Sizzlers or Severe Sunburn?

By: Mario Ricciardi
Columnist


As summer approached many fled to relaxing in the great outdoors or the air conditioned indoors. Beach house and Disneyland occupancy reached record highs. Driving with windows down, the school year reflected in rearview mirrors as we rolled toward fun and freedom. We made our insouciant escape as Hollywood executives revealed either hits or flops.

Flops stampeded in with an explosion thanks to Michael Bay's pack leading *Transformers: Age of Extinction*. This three-hour long sacrifice of free time was the fourth installment of the Transformers franchise.

The first hour and a half was enjoyable. Mark Wahlberg was a definite plus, but after that the plot fell apart. I left twenty minutes early and unable to tell good Transformers from bad, and frankly - I did not care. *Transformers 4*: 

Bay followed this up by producing the latest installment of the revered Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles franchise.


Ignoring the negative feedback it received, I entered the theater with an open mind. The storytelling was as ugly as the make over of the now noseless turtles.

I was bored and out nine bucks. *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*: 

Fortunately for studio execs and viewers, there were enough successes to deem summer a sizzling season.


The hit parade was lead by spandex wearing, comic book do-gooders like *The Amazing Spiderman 2*, *X-Men: Days of Future's Past*, and *Guardians of the Galaxy*. Superheroes not only saved the day, but also production companies' wallets.

The Amazing Spiderman 2 went to the next level with an emotionally involved story, more villains, and a plot that set the series up for at least two more movies. At first I liked the movie, but as time went on I decided this installment is slightly above mediocre. Strictly a popcorn flick, AS2 succeeds in directorial and visual thrills.


The Amazing Spiderman 2: 

Bryan Singer returned to the directorial helm of the latest X-Men installment. The all-star cast of *X-Men: Days of Future Past* included Jennifer Lawrence, Ian McKellen, Patrick Stewart, Halle Berry, Michael Fassbender, and James McAvoy.

Characters took us on an adventure into the past, present, and future in a well calculated time-travel flick. I enjoyed this movie until the final two minutes. *X-Men*:

Days of Future's Past: 

Unlike past summers, this one had a blockbuster I designate season's best. This movie, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, earned the right to call itself superior to at least forty big budget blockbusters. An almost formulaic script allowed for maximum audience enjoyment. A modern space epic, it balances science fiction with wit and humor. I rarely see a movie twice in theaters, yet I saw *Guardians* three times. Critically, there are only two movies that surpassed it.

Guardians of the Galaxy: 

So, what two movies did I find more enjoyable than *Guardians of the Galaxy*? As they did not have big financial backing, these flicks are not considered blockbuster films. Released by independent film companies the movies *Boyhood* and *Snowpiercer* succeed as the most original films of the summer if not the year. Check out Youtube or IMDB.com to watch the trailers. These are flicks everyone should see!

Boyhood: 

Snowpiercer: 

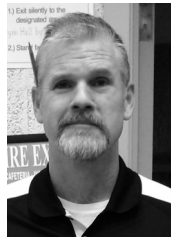
Ratings are of a possible five cardinals.

LeBron Back in Cleveland

What do you think about LeBron James returning to the Cavs?

By: Ja’Nala Forde
Reporter

Mr. Sean Butler



“I am indifferent as I no longer like professional basketball. It’s all about the money. When LeBron left it was about dollar signs. For Cleveland it is a wonderful thing because it brings back the native son and brings the spotlight to Cleveland for something positive.”

Mr. Mark Vollmer



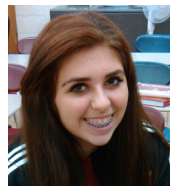
“The first time LeBron came to the Cavaliers I was excited. He did a lot for Cleveland, and as for coming back I’m optimistic. I just became accustomed to not winning championships. His reason to go to Miami was a little selfish, but if he can bring it home to Cleveland I’ll be happy.”

Ryane Garono, junior



“I am glad LeBron returned. I’m a big time fan, so the closer the better. He can end his career where he started it.”

Emilee Mulhall, sophomore



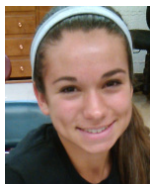
“I’m really happy because I love the Cavs. I love Kyrie Irvin and with them on the same team they will be really great.”

Mario Ricciardi, senior



“I’m on the border. What motivated his comeback? It is good for the team because they will receive money, but as far as a personal decision, didn’t he leave in the first place because he wasn’t happy with the Cavs?”

Lizzie Philibin, sophomore



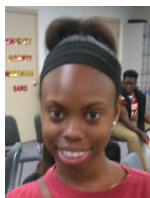
“I think it’s a good thing and it will bring more attraction to Cleveland because LeBron’s fans will follow him where ever he plays.”

Ray’Shawn Wallace, sophomore



“I really don’t care. I like LeBron, but not that much. He wanted a ring, he got it, and now back to his home town.”

Jalayah Javey, senior



“I’m very happy he returned because he went to the Miami Heat when his team needed him most. So his return shows he didn’t let his team down after all.”



Mooney’s Marching

Michael Angiolelli
Columnist

The Mighty Mooney Marching Band stands strong this year at 20 members and seven in danceline, thanks to the efforts of Miss Heather Sirney.

“I’m just lucky because I’m doing what I love with a great group of students,” said Sirney.

The band is playing popular selections this year including Rihanna’s “We Found Love,” Stevie Wonder’s “Higher Ground” and Lady Gaga’s “Americans.”

This is a change from more classical pieces of the past.

In addition to growing in size and changing the music played, the band also has a leadership committee.

Leaders include: Woodwind section leaders Brian Knotten and Michael Angiolelli, seniors, and Brass section leader Alexis Ohlin, senior. Percussion is lead by Sir Timothy Armour and Brady Sklenar, seniors.

Band members look forward to a great season and many more to come.

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Chaos in Missouri: The Michael Brown Case

What is your opinion of the Michael Brown case in Ferguson, Missouri?

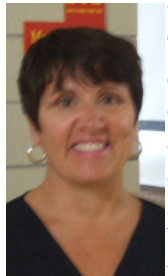
By: Ja’Nala Forde
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Mrs. Tina Hughes



“I think the media is not giving the public all the information and facts on everything going on. It was a tragedy that a young person got shot and died. As more details come out about Michael Brown, it shows that he wasn’t as innocent as people thought and they portrayed him to be.”

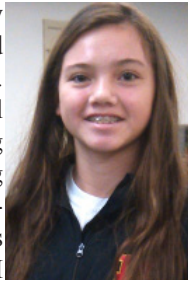
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“I think it is outrageous. This is one instance that demonstrates what’s going on around the United States about discrimination and abuse by the police force. It’s just the tip of the iceberg. The positive thing this situation will create is police departments will have higher accountability and the United States will start stepping up enforcement of policies and protecting everyone the correct way. I do not know enough about the case, but what happened and the outcome just does not balance. Game On! Something has definitely been started. We have racial problems still going on and we need to talk about it.”

Tamsin Day, sophomore

“I don’t know exactly what happened; I heard two versions of the story. One version was Michael Brown was walking down the street minding his business. The second version I heard was he did something, but I don’t know what.”



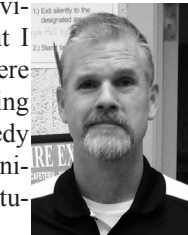
Mrs. Mitzi Smith

“I do not think Michael Brown was innocent, but I also do not think his actions were so bad and threatening that the police officer had to empty his gun on him. That was not the right thing to do.”



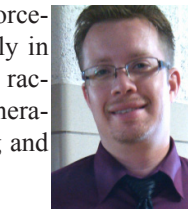
Mr. Sean Butler

“I do not know the evidence. I saw videos, but I do not know from where they stem. Someone being shot is always a tragedy and sad, but the community’s behavior after the situation is disappointing.”



Mr. Mark Vollmer

“It’s my hope law enforcement would act prudently in every situation. It’s sad racism still exists. My generation was more accepting and blind to color.”



Lucy’s Lesson Don’t Forget Ferguson

Lucy Jones
Columnist

A few weeks have passed since the shooting of Michael Brown outside a convenience store by a police officer, and people are pushing the event to the back of their minds.

A police officer, apparently unprovoked and acting on racial prejudice, shot an innocent young man. People of Ferguson were fired on with rubber bullets while peacefully protesting perceived racism within the police system, and the refusal to give out details.

This sparked riots, looting, which transformed Ferguson into a violent police state. The media storm the violence kicked up has settled down, and people turn their eyes away thinking it’s over.

The truth is, citizens of Ferguson still deal with prejudiced police and a justice system biased against them.

No longer the violent police state it became after Brown’s death, Ferguson citizens still peacefully protest and cry out for their rights.

They protest that the police officer has not been arrested or charged, and is on paid leave.

Ferguson citizens have every right to be upset that no new details were released and the grand jury hasn’t released its findings.

It is important to stay updated. It isn’t over and it’s crucial that we, as a nation and as human beings pay attention to the plight of Ferguson. We need to remember Ferguson and learn from it, not brush it off, forget and repeat it.

Gender bias lives in America

By: Natalie Kunce
Reporter

“It’s her fault for taking the pictures,” is what many said when Ariana Grande, Victoria Justice, Jennifer Lawrence and others had nude photos leaked to the internet by someone who hacked into their private computers. Who is at fault?

There are two opinions: “It’s the girls fault” or “Everyone has a right to privacy.” Some asked, “Why take naked pictures of yourself?” But the questions are: Why

are women punished for expecting a right to privacy? And, Why aren’t hackers arrested?

Society completely lacks empathy, which is “The ability to share someone else’s feelings.” If everyone considered things from another’s perspective there could be a revolution.

“Even worse than seeing a woman’s privacy violated on social media is reading the accompanying comments that show such a lack of empathy,” Emma Watson tweeted.

Most frustrating is that rules

are different for women. Men expose themselves in every way possible with almost no consequence, yet women cannot show skin without consequence.

If a woman wearing sexy clothing is raped, it’s her fault. No matter what women overcome and achieve, they are “just” women and powerless.

This is true in academics, careers, and athletics.

Mo’ne Davis, a 13 year-old pitcher from Philadelphia, made incredible strides in girls’ baseball, or - *boys*’ baseball.

She is the first girl to not only

win, but also pitch a shutout in the Little League World Series, and the first little league player featured on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. This girl is breaking down walls. She is not powerless.

Women will have to continue to fight for equality. We cannot come off as weak, nor can we ask for protection. There is no way to get the best of both worlds.

No one should be taken advantage of regardless of age, race, or gender. America must strengthen privacy laws and guarantee fundamental rights to eliminate gender bias.

Johnny Football vs. Brian Hoyer



Photo courtesy of Google

By: Dylan Paulsey
News Editor

Cleveland has not been known as a winning football club for quite some time. The Browns have only made the playoffs 14 times since 1965. Questions arise such as “why can’t the Browns make the playoffs?” The answer is quite simple, depth at the quarterback position.

Since 2000, the Browns have put 20 different quarterbacks into a game. Injury and inconsistency continue to plague the team. Who can the Browns chose to lead their team to a playoff berth? Two guys come to mind when this question is asked, Brian Hoyer and Johnny Manziel.

Manziel, or “Johnny Football”, was drafted by Cleveland with the 22nd pick in the 2014 draft.

Hoyer, who came to Cleveland after being released from the New England Patriots in 2012, had won four games with the

Browns in the 2013-2014 season. Hoyer threw for 615 yards, 5 touchdowns, and 3 interceptions in the four games he started.

Manziel has yet to play in a NFL regular season game. The former Texas A&M Heisman winner was widely admired by most Browns fans.

But head coach Mike Pettine feels Hoyer is more deserving of the starting role. Pettine also took into account Hoyer was backup to a pretty good quarterback in New England with the last name Brady.

“I would give Manziel a try,” said Evan Leek, “if he doesn’t do well, we know what Hoyer can do.”

Some people disagree with Leek. “Hoyer knows how to win and he plays smart with the ball. He definitely should start over Johnny,” says Jimmy Gentile.

Ryane Garono disagrees with both. “I don’t care who starts,” she says “whoever wins more football games has my vote.”

Freshman Football Up’s and Down’s

By: Jailon Perry
Reporter

Freshmen football players have more to adjust to than just a new school and classes, they also had to adjust to playing with each other as a team.

The season started with a loss to St. Ignatious, but quickly rebounded with a win against rival Boardman. The team lost two games to Akron Butchel and Akron St. Vincent’s St. Mary’s, but resoundingly defeated Lake Catholic 22-0.

Brent Weaver, fullback, said football enabled him to make better friendships and

work harder on the field and academically.

Emmanuel Ashby, wide receiver, and Vinny Gentile, defensive end, said football gives them a drive to be better leaders and keep Mooney’s family environment.

The season isn’t over, however. The boys have five games left, including three home games.

Will Young, running back, looks forward to facing archrivals Ursuline and Fitch because of the intensity of the games.

“The freshman beat Ursuline last year and we have to live up to that standard,” said Antonio Riley, defensive lineman.



Boys’ Golf Scores District Berth

By: Nick Braydich
Reporter

The Cardinal Mooney Boy’s Golf team had a solid regular season going 13-4 and qualifying for districts, but all agree their record could have been better.

“Overall we are having a nice year. We improved toward the end even though we had our ups and downs. We have all been unsatisfied at times, but we are peaking at the right time,” said Ken Keller, sophomore.

The boys only losses were to Austintown Fitch, JFK, Boardman and Columbiana in matches decided by seven strokes or less.

Matt Daprile, senior, thought he could have done better in the losses saying, “I should have played better. I let the team down.”

Although there were some tough times, the bright spots overshadowed the difficult defeats.

The team consists of two seniors: Nick Hough and Matt Daprile, three juniors: Jake Stefko, Joe Passerotti, and Nick Braydich, and a sophomore: Ken Keller.

Keller led the team with five rounds of even par or better and was consistent all year. Daprile and Hough contributed low scores of 37/38 in a few matches as Passerotti has fired a -1 (34). Braydich also shot a one under par round and Jake Stefko was a steady player after an injury in the summer.

The team won their Sectional qualifier September 22 at Windmill Lakes with a team score of 322. Nick Braydich shot a 74, Ken Keller a 77, Joe Passerotti an 81, and Matt Daprile a 90.

The boys face 11 teams in district play September 30 at Windmill Lakes. The top three teams and top three individuals ad-

Fantasy Football Teams: “Who Ya Got?”

By: Dylan Paulsey
News Editor

Fantasy football has gripped millions, and Cardinal Mooney is no different. Leagues are made, and the question most often heard is who did you draft? Running backs and quarterbacks tend to be the leaders of fantasy teams, as well as explosive wide receivers such as the electrifying Calvin Johnson or the quick and masterful Dez Bryant seem too good to pass up.

When asked, “Who would you take number one overall in your fantasy football draft,” 37% of Mooney students would choose Jamaal Charles, the Kansas City Chiefs running back. Charles averaged 18.4 points in 2013 and was second in scoring behind Peyton Manning.

Twenty nine percent of fantasy users would take either Adrian Peterson or Lesean McCoy as their number one. Peterson did not have his greatest season a year ago, but the 2012 MVP still posted solid numbers. As for McCoy, he posted scary numbers for the Philadelphia Eagles, and was a second favorite for the 2013 MVP race, rushing for over 2,000 yards.

For the final 7% of pollsters, the reigning MVP was the route to take; Peyton Manning. What hasn’t been said about him after possibly the greatest season by a quarterback in NFL history?

Manning threw for an NFL record in touchdown passes with 55 and passing yards with 5,477 in 2013. “The Sheriff” also led his team to the Super Bowl, but was manhandled by the physical Seattle Seahawks.

Teammate Demaryius Thomas says Manning looks “better than he’s ever seen” in this offseason. Manning averaged almost 25 points per game last season, and who can say he won’t do it again.

There’s a number of so-called “sleeper picks” fantasy football owners should consider. Running backs such as Marshawn Lynch of the Seahawks and Arian Foster of the Houston Texans can lift a team to victory. They move the chains with explosive runs and put points on the board with touchdown rushes. CJ Spiller for the Buffalo Bills is also consistent, runs with ease and is effective on the receiving side of the ball.

Quarterbacks are the captains of fantasy teams. We all want Drew Brees, Tom Brady and Peyton Manning but they go fast in a draft. Solid picks can still be made.

Aaron Rodgers, Ben Roethlisberger, Matt Ryan and Phillip Rivers are veterans and know how to work an offense. Young quarterbacks also get some fantasy points.

Cam Newton, Nick Foles, Russell Wilson and Colin Kaepernick have lead the charge offensively, and two quarterbacks to keep an eye on are Matt Ryan and Phillip Rivers.

Ryan led his team to an NFC championship game two seasons ago, and possesses a great receiving core with Roddy White and Julio Jones. Rivers is an under the radar quarterback who led the league last year in completion percentage with 70% of his passes finding a receivers arms. He can also work the red zone offense, scoring with ease after his team marches past the 20 yard line.

Don’t worry about your draft picks; you have players who can put points up for your team. Getting the number one overall pick is huge, but always take into account the season before and the team he plays for.

Have backups in place. Your first pick could give you a spot in the playoffs, or give you the shame and embarrassment of losing your league.



Kicking and running while looking stunning

By: Emilee Mulhall
Reporter

“Defend the district title!” said Julie Vazquez, senior. After winning the district title last year, the girls plan to keep it.

The 2014 team includes freshmen: Tiffany Rosenberg, Allie Sahyoun, Olivia Saunders, and Kelly Williams. Sophomores: Caroline Buchenic, Colleen Durkin, Emilee Mulhall, and Lizzie Philibin. Juniors: Ryane Garono, Lexy Herman, Delaney Reardon, Damani Santiago, Renee Santisi, Isabel Stober, and Kellie Walker. Seniors: Mackenzie Metzinger, Brooke Overly, Sam Ellis, and Julie Vazquez, and they all have goals for this season.

“I’m really impressed with the talent on this team”, said Metzinger, “I really think if we use our talent correctly we can go far this year.”

Although the team lost in regionals last year, they plan to win state.

Five year Coach Frank Sikich said “Even though we play difficult teams during the season, it prepares us for playoffs. We are able to spread the field wide with our formation of a 4-3-2-1 and are capable of distributing the ball to the middle for goals.”

To make that possible the team had to fill spots left open by graduates Bailey Reardon and Taylor Sikich.

“We need to keep our heads in the game and stay focused. If we work as a team we will go far this year,” Overly said, and she hopes to have fun because it is her last year.

Ellis said she wants to learn from mistakes made by the playoffs.

Their record is 9-3-1 with losses against highly ranked bigger schools.



Lady golfers head to District

Caitlin Butler and Frankie Stollo, seniors, finished one and two at sectionals, which lifted the team to third place. The top three teams advance to districts.

Butler shot an 84, while Stollo shot a 86. Christian Dama, senior, shot 101 and Joan Reardon, sophomore, shot 119.

A Minor Setback for a Major Comeback

By: Chris Mediate
Sports Editor

The Cardinal Mooney Boys Soccer Team ended last season with disappointment, an early exit in the sectional final against Lakeview High School. Since then, they've worked to right wrongs and exorcise demons against local teams, starting with cross-town rival Boardman.

Initially, the game was taken lightly, and rightfully so, the Spartans haven't beat the Cardinals since 1998.

The game looked to favor Mooney who was already up 1-0. However, it was a tale of two halves.

The Spartans completely overpowered the Cards, and with hard work, aggressive play, a few debatable calls, and a fiery student section, Mooney fell, 3-1.

"It wasn't a fair game," said senior captain Myles Harris. "The field was not regulation and the officiating was not even. But I didn't think too much of it. It was a bigger win for them than a huge loss for us. It's never easy losing to a local team, though."



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Senior captain Jake Clarke agreed, and said not once did they look to blame each other, and everyone stuck together as a team.

As big of an upset as it was, they had bigger issues coming over the horizon: Akron Hoban, to whom they lost by one last year.

According to Assistant Coach Larry Lenzyk, this is the best offensive team he's seen come out of Hoban, but the Cardinals came out with fire and determination.

In the first few minutes Hoban was up 1-0, which ignited a flame under the team, and before the half ended, Harris caught the defense off guard on a break-away and sent a thunderous kick into the goal, tying the game.

But, the game wasn't over yet and some timely saves by goal keeper Dustin Hudak, junior, helped propel the team up the field.

Late in the game, senior defender Jack Brennan scored to put Mooney up 2-1, and due to hard-nosed defense, and a tremendous save from Hudak in the last minutes, Mooney came out victorious.

"It was a huge confidence booster," said Clarke. "It showed we could compete and maybe even beat some of the best teams in the state."

It was a signature win, but the season is not over, they have yet to play three top-ranked teams: St. Francis DeSales, CVCA, WRA and Bay Village.

But, both team captains expect a state championship.



New Coach, New Team

By: Gina Patella
Reporter

With an undefeated season on the line, the volleyball team continued to win, but posted one loss to their record. All starters from the 2013 team returned, and two new coaches added to the team's camaraderie.

Bringing excitement and enthusiasm along with knowledge of the game, Coaches Brittany Gregory, JV, and Sarah Smith, freshmen, have created a different atmosphere for the volleyball program.

Gregory, also a coach for Infinity Volleyball Club, has high expectations for the year. "For our team my goal is for us to win the district title with hopes of going further."

Smith attends Kent Salem and is a previous Infinity and Salem High School volleyball player, said, "I love to play volleyball and I wanted to continue something I love by sharing with this talented groups of girls."

Gregory, a previous player, and student at Mount Union college, has run organized practices and conditioning sessions. Her experience has influenced the improvements of the team.

"I told her to not be afraid to step on my toes and take over practices," said Gorvet.

New uniforms, team camps, Volley for a Cure, car washes and apparel sales are a few of the other contributions the coaches have made.

"As a coach I want to give my players everything I have to get them where they deserve to be," Gregory said.

Knotten: Four-year clarinetist a quiet leader

By: Ashlynn Kuffleitner
Reporter

The drum beats grow louder each passing year. The steady beat entices students to join the Mooney Music Family.

The band is bigger than ever with twenty instrumentalists eager to inspire school spirit at a rally or on the field.

However, with 2015 quickly approaching, the spectre of empty shoes to fill creeps closer with the future departure of seniors.

One pair of shoes will be especially difficult to fill: those of Brian Knotten, a four-year clarinet player

“Brian is awesome!” said Heather Sirney, band director. “He does everything I ask him to do - without complaining - and he does a lot of helpful things I don’t have to ask.”

Knotten has played clarinet since fourth grade, which is longer than all the ‘Top Ten Short-Lived Celebrity Marriages’ put together.

He participated in the Ohio Music Education Association District 5 Honors Band twice, and finished 10th chair sophomore year and 5th chair junior year.

“Brian also participates in the Solo and Ensemble competition each year,” said Sirney. “It takes a lot of courage and talent to stand alone in front of judges and play. I think that speaks to his character.”

Knotten was ranked a 1, the highest ranking possible his sophomore year, but



missed competing last year due to a blizzard. He plans to participate again this year.

Knotten enjoys marching band, and said “The combination of Miss Sirney’s leadership and aggressive recruiting com-

bined with efforts of current band members inviting friends to join truly makes the band what it is: a family.”

Sirney said Knotten is one of her leaders, but also goes a step beyond.

“Brian leads by his example, and he tells others where they need to make corrections. But what he does that many leaders forget to do is encourage people. He will tell them when they are getting better at playing or marching, which is great. He’s just an awesome kid.”

James Haddad, senior, and a close friend of Knotten’s said, “He’s more than just a talented clarinet player, he’s hard-working and dedicated to the band.”

Sirney echoed that saying, “He works hard to perfect his playing, and is dedicated to this band - something that doesn’t seem real popular to do here.”

Haddad also said, “Brian is really a well-rounded individual. He’s on the robotics team, helps with the music for the school plays, and he plans to major in computer science in college.”

While seniors like Knotten can never truly be replaced, the Mooney spirit lives in him, and will live on in new members he’s inspired and the music they make.

Kennedy kicks it to YSU

By: Maddie Leek
Reporter

Zak Kennedy, senior, will go from being a Cardinal to a Penguin in less than four months. Having already completed all the credits necessary for graduation, Kennedy’s last day of high school is Jan. 9, and he begins classes at Youngstown State University Jan. 12.

Kennedy said he will miss high school, but Mooney’s kicker wants to jump start his football career with spring training as part of the Penguin’s football team.

“The bonds I have made with some of my classmates are bonds that can never be bro-

ken,” said Kennedy.

Christian Lowery and Joe Valentini, seniors, agree three words best describe Kennedy: hard-working, motivated, and relentless.

Jordan Jones, who also graduates in June to join Kentucky spring training agreed.

“He works hard! Even when we aren’t on the field he’s working, and kicking the ball.”

Jones said he’s more than motivated, “he’s driven. He only has to be at practice at the beginning and then he could leave, but he doesn’t. He stays the entire time and works by himself. He runs too while we practice plays.”

Because of Kennedy’s passion for sports, he plans to ma-



Zak Kennedy, senior, directs players before punting the ball in a recent game. Kennedy graduates in June to become a member of the YSU Penguins.

join in exercise science.

“I’d like to be a trainer or a coach,” said Kennedy.

“He’ll do well because he’s smart and has his priorities straight,” said Jones. “He also started using these really

thin tees at practice and during games to help him prepare for college where they don’t use them at all.”

Kennedy made 13 of 15 field goals with a long of 42 yards last season. He also made



Swift Shakes Up Her Style

Lizzy Philibin
Reporter

Seven-time Grammy winner, youngest person to single-handedly write and perform a number one song, produce several best-selling albums, Taylor Swift's lists of achievements go on and on. And, she has another album on the way.

This upcoming album is different than ones in the past; it is strictly pop. This gives many fans mixed emotions.

"Her country albums were so much better," said Mark Ricciardi, sophomore.

Swift started as a strictly country singer, but over the years her style has leaned more towards pop music. Now it's completely pop.

Swift said this next album is her best one yet, but others disagree.

"I felt like her country songs were just so powerful and they were what the people wanted to listen to, this whole pop song is just not her," said Ricciardi.

Other fans think it will be a good thing. "It will give her more diverse fan base, more people like pop nowadays," said junior Alexandra Herman.

Others question if Swift will lose fans because of the change.

"I liked her country albums, but I think she does well on her non country albums as well, so I don't think she will lose fans," said Kelly Williams, freshman.

Swift's newest single "Shake It Off" sold 544,000 copies its first week released. It has also debuted at number one, which is nothing new for Swift.

We will have to wait and see if Swift's first entirely pop album is a success, but we won't have to wait long. The album is scheduled for release Oct. 27.

Depression and Suicide: Let the Genie Out of the Bottle

Emily Kiraly
Reporter

The nation stood stunned by the abrupt death of comedic genius Robin Williams. Known for his role as the Genie in the hit Disney film Aladdin, it's time to let the genie out of the bottle on the topic of depression and suicide. Williams' death brought to light the serious issues of depression and suicide.

One issue is: what might drive one, who seems to have everything, to suicide?

"The celebrity appeal isn't as great as it seems. A lot of different things drive a lot of different people to suicide and nobody knows what he [Williams] was going through," said Mr. Jim Jablonski, psychology.

Mrs. Patricia Ariss, school nurse, said, "Depression is a change that occurs in the brain's chemistry and is a brain disorder. Depression is an illness that affects how a person thinks, reasons, feels, and acts."

A question many ask at a time like this, is whether students suffer from depression, as that is primarily to what Williams' suicide is attributed.

"Everyone is always there for each other through the good and the bad. We do the best we can to reach out to others in our community and that is one of the many reasons I admire Mooney," said Emily Degenova, senior.

Although suicide and depression do not seem to be prominent issues here, it is difficult to be sure. Nobody knows what the person next to them goes through each day. If depression and suicide are in fact, bottled up issues at Mooney then what can be done?



"Asking students if they are feeling depressed or suicidal may show that student that you care for them. Also it is important to let the nurse and the guidance counselors know about a student who is depressed," said Ariss.

Jablonski said, "Making students more aware of the signs of suicide is one of the best solutions to the problem."

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention reports the most common signs of suicide include: people talking about wanting to kill themselves, hoarding medicine, losing interest in things, becoming isolated and showing rage. Keeping awareness high is just one effort to prevent tragedies similar to that of Williams.

Signs of depression include: feelings of helplessness and hopelessness, loss of interest in daily activities, appetite or weight changes, sleep changes, anger or irritability, loss of energy, self-loathing, reckless behavior, concentration problems, and unexplained aches and pains.

If you or someone you know is suffering from depression or contemplating suicide, please do not hesitate to contact guidance counselors or the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273-8255.

Dramatic Moments

Andrew Stille, junior prepares to portray his favorite cowboy while Andre McCoy looks perplexed.

Students prepared skits in first period drama class.

"I don't know why I love that class so much," said Jordan Jones, senior.

Nick Anderson, freshman, said, "Because it's fun."

