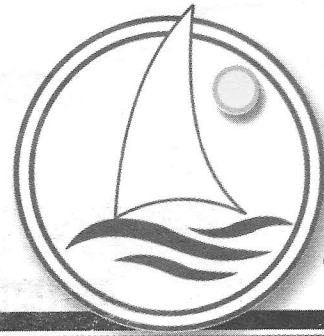


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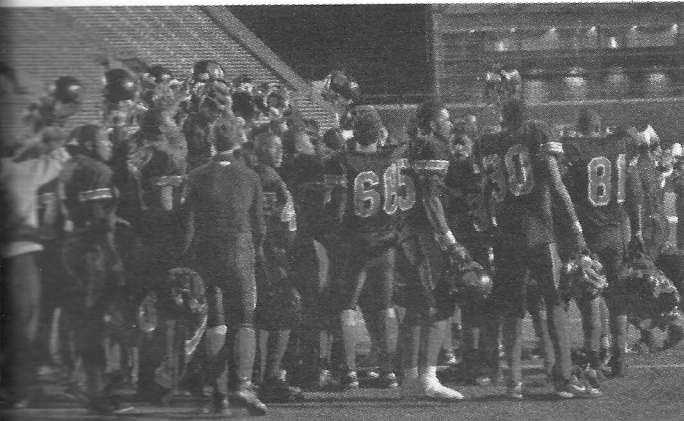
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a game! What a game!”



Team gathers after a hard fought 27-26 double overtime win over Crestwood High School (courtesy of Blair Temple)



Chrystal White, a 2009 graduate of BHS came back to celebrate homecoming with her friend Kortlyn Johnson, who is a senior at BHS. (photo by Lori Werner)

the fitting words of
by that ring clear in our
thrilling 27-26 double
Crestwood High School
gathering crowd at
is treated to a display
resilience and ultimate
the perfect symbolic
Belleville's football season.
guaranteed Belleville a
first time since 2004
blowdown with Walled
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for a chance to move
it looked like this
uld be anything but
ans. A quick, inspired
team controlled play
In fact, Belleville only
ps in the first quarter.

Crestwood's impressive opening drive was stopped at the Belleville 11 yard line after a 4th down sack by senior defensive end Brian Bishop.
Belleville could not pick up a first down and punted the ball back to Crestwood who responded with a 26 yard touchdown run on the second play of the 2nd quarter giving the Chargers a 7-0 lead that would hold until halftime.
Belleville, who has been strong all year long coming out of the halftime break, scored on a 63 yard touchdown run from senior running back JaVaunte Mackson on the second play of the third quarter. The score brought the Belleville team and their fans to life for what would be an incredible finish.
Crestwood responded with a drive that appeared to end with a missed field goal. However, a personal foul penalty on Belleville kept the drive alive and Crestwood would take a 14-7 lead on a 3 yard scoring run.

The rest of regulation belonged to the Tigers. Belleville started a drive at their own 10 yard line and moved deep into Charger territory on a drive highlighted by clutch running and throwing from junior quarterback Brendon Temple. Senior receiver Jacques Reeves, one of Belleville's most reliable players all year, had a big third down catch on the march.
Belleville's scoring threat ended on a fumble at the Charger 18 yard line. However, Belleville's defense took over and forced an immediate punt. With time winding down, Belleville mounted a game tying scoring drive highlighted by a big run from senior running back Lamont Howard down to the Charger six yard line. This set up a 6 yard touchdown run from junior running back Reggie Addison tying the game 14-14.
With the homecoming crowd in a frenzy, senior running back/defensive back

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Future of library depends on Nov. millage proposal

by Lindsay Nieman

In November, voters from the City of Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Summit Township will decide on whether to pass a .7 mills Library Millage and ensure the future of the Tri-Community's recently formed district library.

Previously, the Fred C. Fischer Library was part of the Wayne County Library System (WCLS). While the system did provide positive services and benefits, it also meant that the library was subject to decisions made by the WCLS, and those decisions did not always result in the best local outcome. To ensure the communities' control of the library, the District Library Agreement was created, and the Fred C. Fischer Library became the Belleville Area District Library (BADL).

Localizing library control initiated immediate benefits for the community as local board members more accurately and appropriately apply funds—and, better yet, save money. Since the BADL's creation in April, the library has saved more than \$70,000 in administrative fees and \$85,000 in benefits—funds that can be better used for other resources.

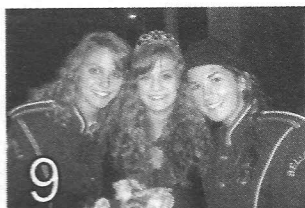
Still, the library's current budget allotment will not keep it serving the community to its best capacity. Statewide, budget shortfalls have meant a decrease in library funding while uncertain economic times have caused

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