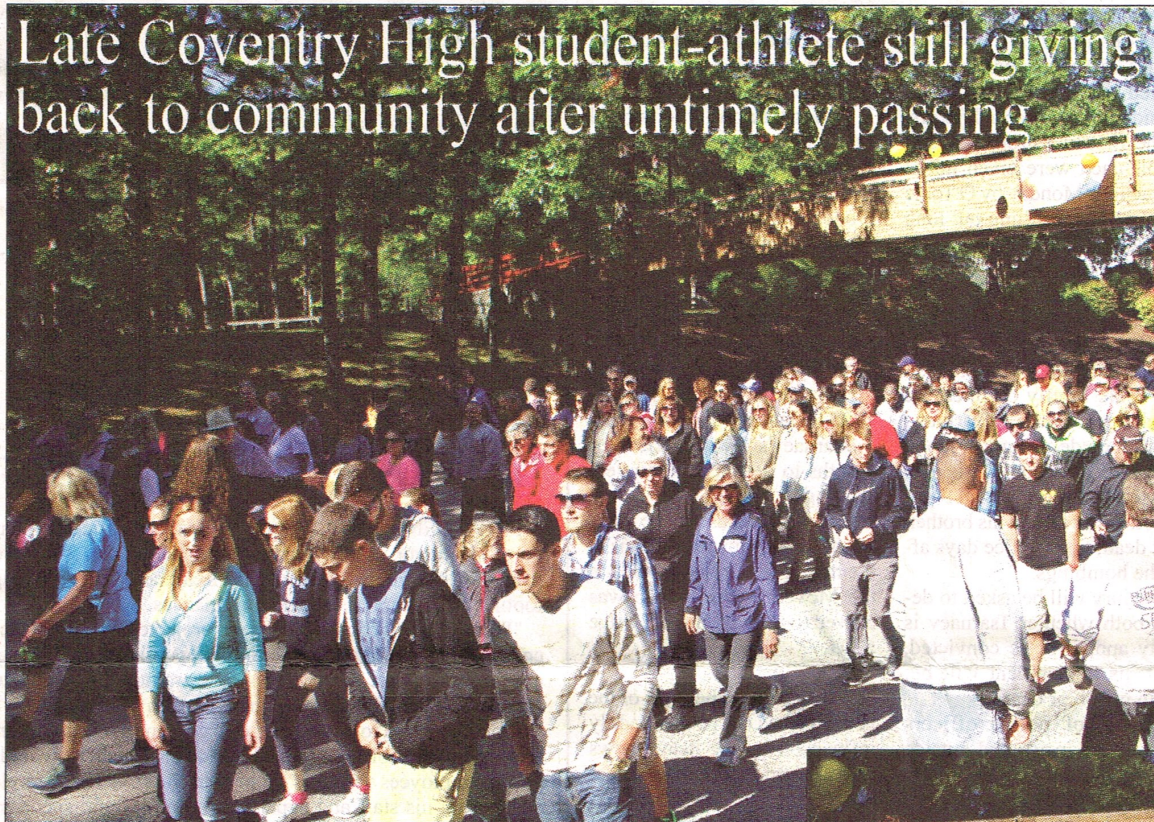


Auger Walk Again A Success

Late Coventry High student-athlete still giving back to community after untimely passing



The 5K walk in October in memory of Doug Auger was held this past October, the second year the event was held to remember the late Coventry High grad. The 2014 walk raised over \$8,500, leading to contributions of more than \$17,000 to the Coventry Teachers Alliance Scholarship Fund.

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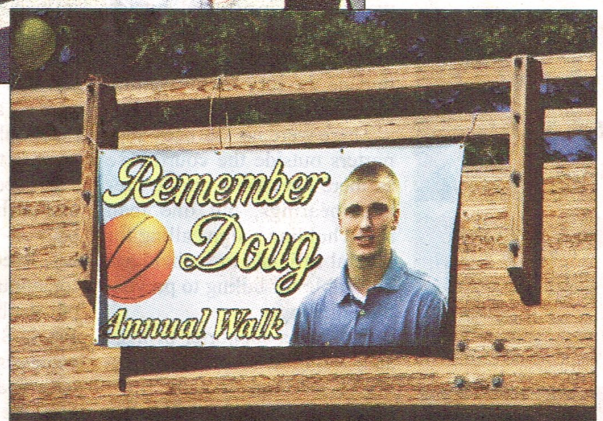
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COVENTRY— In memory of Douglas Auger, an 18-year old Coventry High School graduate who was killed in a motor vehicle accident in 2012, the second annual memorial 5K walk was a huge success that raised more than \$17,000 this past October. All proceeds were donated to the Coventry Teachers Alliance Scholarship Fund and will be used to help

fund awards for qualifying seniors who are furthering their education.

His mother, Sue Auger, said this year had over 300 participants in the walk at Goddard State Park in Warwick which has nearly doubled from last year's walk. Roughly \$6,000 was raised last year and was matched by the Coventry Teachers Alliance, totaling \$12,000 that will benefit students with college expenses.

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Drive remembers Coventry HS grad

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generous nature and concern for others. She hopes that — even if people can't donate — they will still come out to celebrate Mayer's memory, particularly his passion for music.

"He didn't care what anyone thought," she said. "He was very happy in his own space."

Ellen said that Jamie's guitar playing was his passion. He was just about self-taught, learning much of what he played through watching videos online.

"His sister, Alexa, is a senior at Coventry High School now," she said. "He had so much love for her. They got along 90 percent of the time. The only time they may have had differences is when they talked about music."

She said he even had his own car — a 1997 Honda Accord — that was his baby.

Last year at the event, 20 balloons were released. This year will be 21 to honor his memory and 21st birthday, the same day as the event.

To make an appointment for Jamie Mayer's Birthday Blood Drive, visit www.ribc.org and use the sponsor code: 3513.

Those who are interested can also donate in Meyer's memory during the month of January at participating Coventry Credit Union branch locations.

All donors are asked to please remember to bring a driver's license or another form of identification when donating.

And, since January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month, anyone who volunteers to donate blood will receive a \$5 Dunkin' Donuts gift card redeemable at 300 area locations.