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Book details football history

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When Dwayne Kremko attended his niece's graduation from Divine Child High School in Dearborn in 1999, one of her classmates asked: "So you graduated from Divine Child, too; did you ever win a football game back then?"

Kremko, a Dearborn resident who works at Gorno Ford of Woodhaven, came home from the party and decided it was time to "put a pen to his memories," he said.

He was a member of the school's very first varsity football team, a team with no seniors, a team that made history and swept its division in 1960.

His memories took nearly five years to compile into his new, self-published, photo-laden book, "Falcons: The Lost Year."

He wrote "the sports stuff" first, he said, and then went back and added "a flavor of what life was like then."

Football fans will enjoy the sports portions of the book. Everyone will enjoy the rest — the tales of Kremko and his buddies and their outrageous hijinks.

Without giving anything away, the description of the garbage fight between Divine Child players and another team — off the field, of course — alone makes the book worth reading.

"Even though we had fun a lot of the time, a lot of good life lessons were learned," Kremko said.

He still keeps in touch with his high school buddies — "a great group of guys," he said.

He and some of his former teammates recently returned to the school to visit the Rev. Monsignor Herman Kucyk, Kremko said.

"It was wonderful to see that the tradition and the values are still carrying on," he said.

A portion of the book's proceeds are being donated to the Divine Child High School Alumni Association.

"Falcons" is available at the Little Professor book store in Dearborn, or by mail (\$19.95 plus \$5.50 shipping) from D-N-A Prints Publishing, Dwayne Kremko, 648 S. Brady, Suite A & B, Dearborn, MI 48124.

Orders can be phoned in by calling 1-313-724-1131.

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