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New superintendent of Clarksville Community Schools Tina Bennett visited all four schools during their showcases. Here, Superintendent Bennett stopped by science teacher Sarah Vaughn's room to see the experiments being conducted. *photo by CCSC Nikolette Langdon*

## Former CHS principal Bennett returns to CCSC as new superintendent



by Lauryn Young

Superintendent Tina Bennett is excited to be back in the Clarksville School district. After working as the principal of Clarksville High School from 2006-2008, she is looking forward to working with the leaders of the corporation and being around the students and staff again.

Since her contract officially began on April 3, it is hard for her to identify specific challenges that will be faced in the upcoming school year, but with big plans in mind, Bennett said that funding is expected to be an issue. Funding will be needed to be used to promote programs for "students to stay on the pathways to success in their career areas", which is what she is most excited about. She plans to make changes in order to better the programs and to keep students involved in their

future plans. College Career Readiness (CCR) has a lot to do with this. As an incoming freshman, students will be able to work on their future plans through CCR and other programs in the works. Bennett's short term goals include making connections with community and business leaders, getting to know the students in CCSC schools and meeting the staff members in each of the schools.

Creating partnerships with local businesses, relationships with parents and getting the community involved in general is a huge goal according to Bennett. Having close relationships with families and businesses will lead to future fundings for the school and could also lead to internship opportunities for students. Bennett has already visited local businesses to see what skills graduates will need to be able to enter the work force.

After leaving the Clarksville School District and coming back, Bennett said she was impressed with the commitment by the staff. "As the

principal, I didn't always appreciate Jinx Main as I should have. I remember she used to call a boy every morning to make sure he got to school on time. I used to tell her to stop everyday because it wasn't her job to go out of the way to make sure the kids came to school. The boy ended up coming to school everyday and he even went on the do great things in school. This made me realize just how dedicated she was to her job and showed how committed the staff members are to the students," Bennett said.

Bennett has been visible in all four corporation schools, attending every school's showcase and numerous after school events.

With teacher turnover being as high as it is, only a handful of current CHS teachers now were here when Bennett worked as the principal. "I enjoyed working for her as the principal and look forward to working for her as the superintendent," theater director Dan Bullington said.



# Newly renovated Clarksville Cove opens next week



by Tabatha Schwartz

Clarksville Cove has been newly renovated. All of this major reconstruction had to be done. The park was losing almost 20,000 dollars a year due to leaking and other constructional problems. With all of the updates and new customers, the makeover will bring the Cove should benefit heavily than in past years. After undergoing a nearly \$4 million dollar renovation, Clarksville Cove will be open to the public on Saturday, May 27.

There is a completely new theme and feel when entering the park. The company that designs the Great Wolf Lodges all around the world helped design and come up with the new layout and theme of the Clarksville Cove. They also helped create the new mascot, Tiko. Tiko the bird is featured near the picnic tables. "All of the updates and newly renovated areas are going to bring in a lot of new and old customers. This is not only going to bring in money for the facility but also the Clarksville Community. Clarksville taxpayers will have less money going into the park because of the new pool," communications director, Ken Conklin said. Before, the renovations the shallow and deep pools were connected, now there is only one large lap pool and then play equipment and

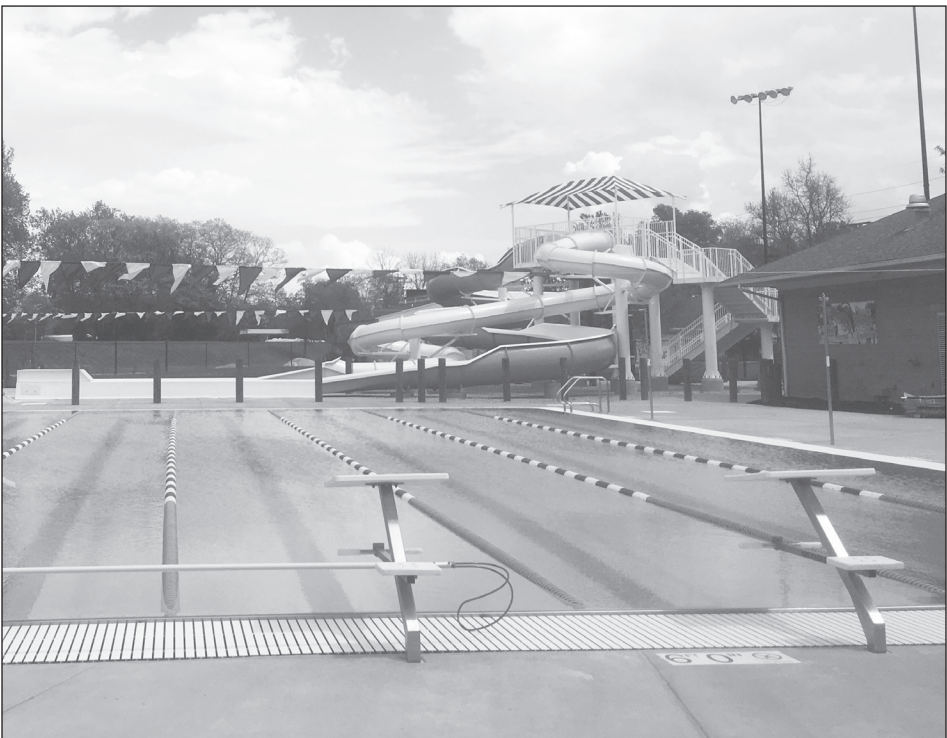
splash pads have been added for the younger kids.

Almost all of the areas in the park have been redone. The entrance has been updated with air conditioning, new bathrooms, and a large TV that displays the prices, the floors and walls have been redone and painted. The bathroom have also had a makeover. There is now doors on the stalls. One of the areas is the concession stand, filled with refreshing and delicious food and drinks. Not much changed about the concession stands other than the updated design and a new and improved sign that displays the

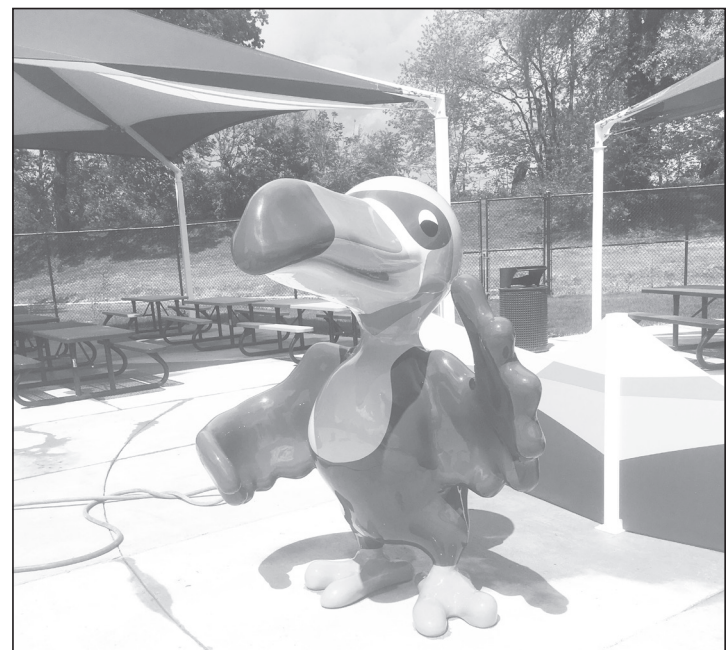
food on a TV. The walls and floors have been redone and painted.

There are new playgrounds and areas for all different age groups. For all of the children that were previously too short to ride the two bigger waterslides, a new playground with a smaller slide has been added for the little ones. A smoking area has been designed inside the park so that parents do not have to leave their child unattended to go out front of the facility and smoke.

Three new splash pads have been added with interactive spray and play equipment, a body slide, a tube slide, lap pool, full service concession area and a brand new birthday zone for children's special day will all be featured in the new and updated Clarksville Cove. A new area has been designated for families that want to have birthday parties can rent out a specific area that is accompanied with picnic



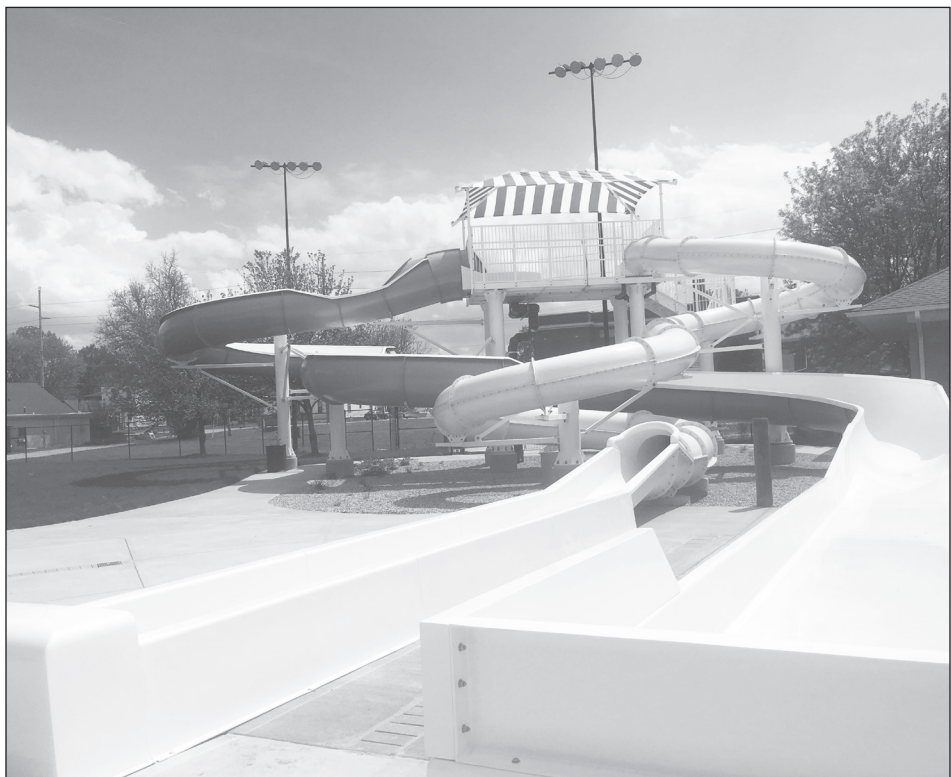
The only lap pool in Clarksville Cove after renovations. *photo by Juliana Johnson*



Tiko the bird is the new mascot for Clarksville Cove. *photo by Juliana Johnson*

tables, seats and a large canopy umbrella that covers the area. "I am really excited for the facility to open because my younger siblings will enjoy themselves there now," senior, Brianna Brown said. The activities were designed for each age group to be able to have something to do.

The amount of money that it is going to take to keep the facility running will be a less than in past years and the taxpayer money that was spent to help keep the facility and pool running can now be spent on other things in the community. "All of this reconstructing will help us bring in more money not only from the customers but also from needing less lifeguards. Before, there was the two pools connected and at the end of the water slides it went into a smaller pool. Now, at the end of the slides no lifeguard is needed and there is less lifeguards needed because of the lap pool," Conklin said. All of the new renovations and updates should help the community in more ways than one.



The new slides no longer slide into the pool. *photo by Juliana Johnson*



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# Best burger joints in Southern Indiana



by Hannah Morris

Welcome to southern Indiana where there are burger places galore. There are plenty of options to choose from, but what are the best ones? We all want to eat somewhere with good service and good food, but sometimes not everyone is impressed. I decided to try three big and popular burger joints: Big Four Burgers, Five Guys and Highway 55.

Big Four Burgers in Jeffersonville was the first burger joint I went to. Immediately walking in I could tell that it is an upbeat, positive, and fun environment. The workers were friendly and inviting. Their whole presence made it seem like they were there to make sure I enjoyed it. Once seated the service was fairly quick. I never had to wait to long for anything. My waitress was very friendly and on top of everything. She wasn't too overbearing and once my food came she gave me time to enjoy it. I ordered the Breakfast Burger which was \$12.99. Almost all of their burgers are between \$10.99-\$12.99 and there's even an option to build your own burger.

Overall I would rate it a 10 out of 10. This is a casual restaurant with two locations, one in Jeffersonville and another in New Albany.

The second burger joint I went to was Five Guys. Five Guys is a popular burger chain, but

not every location is the same. I went to the New Albany location and was highly upset. Although it is set up as a more fast food restaurant, the service wasn't great. The workers weren't friendly and one was just down right rude. They were more focused on speed, not quality or customer service. Once I got the food it was okay, but it wasn't anything to talk about. It tasted good but I wouldn't say it was any different than any other bacon burger you would get at any other average burger palace. They did

have great fries to go with their burgers. The seating was uncomfortable because they were metal seats. Overall I would only rate it a 6 out of 10.

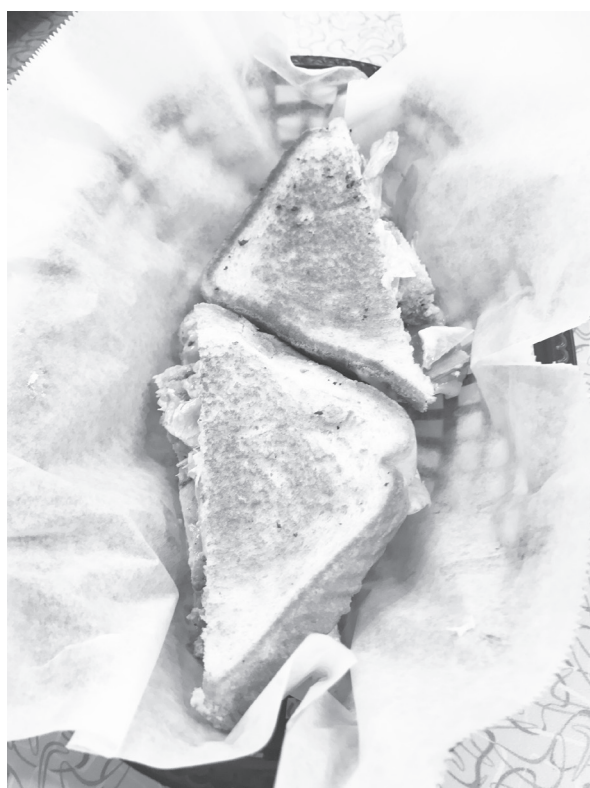
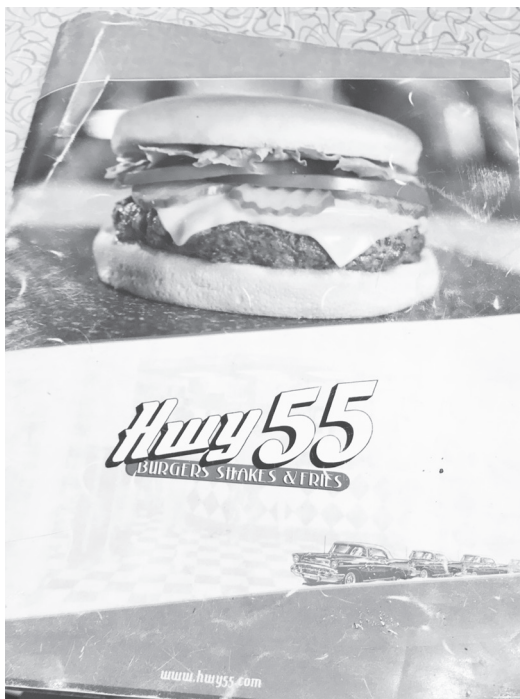
The final and the best burger place I went to was Highway 55. Walking in you immediately get the 60's feeling. If you thought Steak and Shake was old school and cute you have no idea. The set up is totally an old 1950s diner. You walk in and you immediately feel like you went back in time. All the

waitresses have pink bows in their hair and on the shirts it says pink ladies. You can seat yourself and there are plenty of seats available. All over the walls are scenes of lookout places and pictures of Elvis and old places. The food is affordable rang-

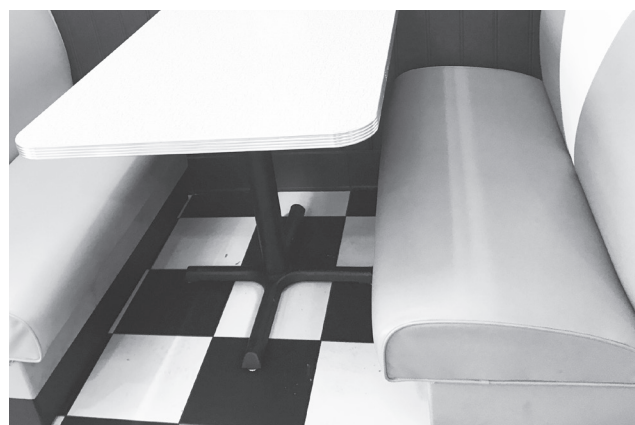
ing from \$3-\$9. The service is excellent. They are very attentive and on top of everything. All the waitress and super friendly and seem happy to be there. My waitress was named Emilie and she was great. She was on top of everything. She wasn't to overbearing but made sure I had everything I needed. Once my food was out it looked delicious. It was cooked perfectly. I got the Chicken Cordon Bleu sandwich and it was only \$6.49. It was excellent and the fries that came with it were to die for. I would highly recommend Highway 55

to anyone and everything. It is located in Jeffersonville. I would rate it a 10 out of 10!

Highway 55, Five Guys and Big Four Burgers were the three burger places I reviewed. While I got a decent burger at all three, service was the big difference. Although they all weren't 5 star quality, I wouldn't knock it till you try it. By far the best place out of the three is Highway 55. The best burgers aren't far, go out and try some for yourself.



Chicken Cordon Blue sandwich at Highway 55. all photos by Hannah Morris



# Are high school friends worth keeping or losing?



by Destiny Robinson

The quote, "truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave and impossible to forget," basically sums up my whole belief of the importance of friends. There are going to be a lot of people coming and going from my life, but a few of them will stay no matter what. Finding friends is easy, but keeping them is harder. My opinion is that if someone has true friends in high school then they should try their hardest to keep them. All throughout high school there's going to be drama.

Freshman year, I started out with a close group of friends. Drama happens, bonds break, and relationships are never the exact same. We all came back together, but differently. Our bigger group was broken down into closer pairs of friends so that on some activities part of the group was invited and on others the rest were asked to join. Then there's the parts where maybe one person does something that the rest of the group hates them for. The ones that are in the middle find themselves with the decisions on what to do

and who to pick. Looking back, either way I would have hurt someone with my choice.

A part of growing up is going through life changes. Suddenly, jobs and adult responsibilities get in the way and there's not enough time to spend together. Friendship requires effort and time to keep it strong. The end of school is the deciding factor to see if the friendships were as serious as they appeared to be. It separates the friends that might appear in the store one day, and are vaguely remembered for all of the stupid fun things that went on back in the day, but courage can't be built up enough to awkwardly say hello to the friends that are kept and depended on still.

When we all finally get to graduate it will be the last time that the whole senior class will be together. This means it would probably be the last time to talk to all of the different classmates that maybe haven't interacted since elementary school. Make some memories that will last a lifetime. Hang out in the summer with all of the friends you did in high school. The fact is that some of the seniors are splitting up and going off to colleges that might be states away. Long distance re-

lationships of any kind are hard work and distance might wreak it. Even if the friendships turn out to be just meant to stay in high school, I will still have the memories of growing up with them. Clarksville truly is a small community and most of the kids graduating, were here from K-12 and have grown up knowing each other. They might not have ever really talked or became friends, but they shared the same small schools and town for most of their lives.

Early friendships etch patterns in people's life. They mold a person's view and characteristics right from the start. I know that I wouldn't have made it as far if I had been alone. Actually I might have, but I would be a totally changed person. When people hang out together so much they start developing similar traits that are seen if looked at closely enough. I can admit that it's going to be hard to give it up, but life tends to go it's own way. The only way to keep those certain people in my life is try to keep them there myself. To make a friendship work, it takes two. It takes effort on each of my friends and myself.





**Congratulations to the Class of 2017!**  
À ceux qui étudient le français,  
FÉLICITATIONS ET BONNE CONTINUATION !  
From: Mme Clere.

**To: Destiny Robinson**  
I did this for you, Density. Happy Graduation buddy!  
From: Shy Wright

**To: Tabatha Schwartz**  
I’m gonna miss you Tabby! Next school year will not be the same without you!  
From: Jacquilynn Hinkebein

**To: Maggie Baird**  
Thank you for all the advice and all the laughs. Good Luck! I miss you  
From: Selena Wolf  
**To: Lauryn Young <3**  
Shoutout to the most amazing girl ever. You’re so beautiful and I love you so much. I can’t wait for all the memories to come.  
From: Eli

**To: Cayla Powers**  
boi - I love you!  
From: Caitlyn Wright

**To: Zach Martin**  
I bought a shoutout ;) )  
From: Zach Martin

**To: Alex Taylor, Bennet McEwen, Brian Claudio, Jonah Lemonds, and Nate Ludwick**  
Thanks for being my friends for the whole year. you guys were always there for me. You all are the best friends in all of high school.  
From: Blaze Golas

**To: Jeremy Moore**  
Hey Jeremy, you’re bald.  
From: The Group  
**To: Preston Cunningham**  
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
from: Hayley Ware

**To: Morgan Radlein**  
Morgan, I am very happy to graduate with you. I love you and everything you do for me. Let’s get outta here!  
From: Molly Sparkman



**To: Brandi Otto**  
I’m going to miss you. I’m going to miss doing cheer with my cheer captain. I wish you weren’t leaving me.  
From: Baily Gravely

**To: Shy Wright and Alex Spencer**  
Shy is a great flute player and an amazing friend and I couldn’t be more grateful. Alex is one great baseball player and I thank you for teaching me to hit correctly.  
From: Christian Sosa

**To: All Seniors**  
Thank you for your dedication. We finally made it to the end. No more waiting. It’s our time to shine.  
From: Desiree Scott  
**To: class of 2017**  
Enjoyed my first year with you. Best wishes as you pursue “college and career”  
From: Mrs. Allred

**To: Noah Rowley**  
Seems like yesterday you were born, my son, my son  
We’ve had hardships and lots of laughs, my son, my son  
The tme has come for you to conquer the world, my son, my son  
No man has felt this amont of love and pride I have for my son.  
From: Dad  
**To: Brian Claudio**  
Hi Brian!  
From: Maura Nieto

**To: Leyden Kelley**  
Leyden, you are so funny, and you definitely made theater a lot better for me, love ya dude.  
From: Trinity Linnig

**To: Terell Boyd**  
You are educated. Your certification is in your diploma. Think of it as your ticket to the good life, and to change the world.  
From: Vicki (Cafe mom)  
**To: Eliana Maglione**  
Thanks for bullying me everyday.  
I’ll miss you. Kind of.  
From: Selena Wolf

**To: Destiny Weathers**  
You are the kindest and truest soul I know. Thank you for your friendship. We will get the last laugh at our class reunions  
From: Maggie Baird

**To: Jeremy Moore**  
Wow you did it! Congratulations! I’m gonna miss you!  
From: Caitlyn Wright

**To: Emma**  
Thanks for making me buy this ad  
From: Ethan Tackett

**To: Spencer Ferguson**  
Thanks for being somebody I can look up to. sometimes. I hope you get far in life. Love You!  
From: Zowie Ferguson  
**To: Leyden Kelley**  
You have a kind of zeal shown in many great people. You’ll do great things in life.  
From: Issac McKim  
**To: Emma Hedrick**  
You’re welcome for selling your shoutouts for you.  
From: Leyden Kelley

**To: Emma, Hannah, Bri and KP**  
Thanks for being a great group of leaders and editors!  
From: Short

**To: Tabby**  
I’m so glad to have met you even though we didn’t go to school together. BFFs in the making!  
From: Shelby  
**To: Noah Rowley**  
Congratulations man, I knew you’d do it. The salsa’s on me next time.  
From: Tristian Parks  
**To: Austin Cohens**  
Thanks bro everything on and off the field training, you are like my big brother and I thank you for all the help.  
From: Daveon Miles

**To: Density**  
Ugh Wendy’s crickets Mr. Grubbs or something haha.  
From: Ethan

**To: Kennedy Wagner**  
Kennedy W. is the baddest in the game! When you see her, bow down because she is queen bee! She’s killing the game right now. She’s my heart.  
From: Lashay Weatherly  
**To: Hannah M.**  
You are the best person in the world people are so lucky to have you I hope you had a great year this year, love ya  
From: Atlanta

**To: Leyden Kelley**  
I am glad my son had a friend such as you for all these years. Go conquer the world.  
From: Mr. Ron  
**To: Hannah M.**  
Thanks for being a leader and great role model for me, you’re amazing. I love you bunches, I’ll miss you next year.  
From: Rionna N.  
**To: Cody Bruner**  
Wish you werent leaving so soon! Good luck and I’ll miss you!!  
From: Shaelin Bruner

**To: Destiny Robinson**  
Thank you for everything  
From: Leyden Kelley  
**To: Austin Swift**  
With your imagination and drive, you will no doubt leave your mark on this world. Good fortune to you.  
From: Mr. Ron

**To: Destiny Robinson aka Density**  
Shout out to density for nagging me to buy this, love you.  
From: Lexie Cohen  
**To: Spencer Ferguson**  
Stay strong buddy! Finish this year out with greatness.  
-Squid  
From: Spencer Ferguson

**To: BFFL GM and Hannah**  
I love you all so much, thank you for supporting me, and always cheering me up. (;  
From: Bri Brown  
**To: Tabatha Schwartz**  
I love you and am going to miss you very much next year. Good luck with everything you choose to do!  
From: Caitlyn Wright

**To: Maggie Baird**  
Thanks for sticking by my side and keeping me sane through this crazy year. I love you Mags!  
From: Destiny Weathers  
**To: Lando**  
Happy Graduation Day! Wishing you all the best life has to offer. Make the most of it. P.S. Where was my Mother’s Day gift? :)  
From: Short



**To: Hannah (our sweet pickle)**  
You are such a joy to your mother and I, your bigger than life personality and beautiful smile lightup every day of our lives. We can’t wait to see what God has planned for you next. We love you to the moon and back.  
From: Mom and Dad



**To: Emma Hedrick**

Thanks for making me buy this.  
From: Clarissa Logan

**To: Leyden**

Thanks for making me buy this ad! :)  
From: Ethan Tackett

**To: My former 4th grade students**

You have made it to graduation. I am proud of each and everyone of you.  
From: Ms. Godsey

**To: All My “Kids”**

Always remember “once my kid, always my kid”  
Love you all!  
From: Mrs. Holstine

**To: The seniors**

I have really enjoyed serving you. Congratulations on your graduation. Hopefully we see each other passing in the community. Best wishes!  
From: Ms. Natalie Brock

**To: Theater seniors**

It was fun working with you. Keep on reaching for the stars and pursuing your dreams. Congratulations and best wishes.  
From: Cathy Johnson

**To: All my fellow seniors!!**

Just wanted to say graduation has come faster then expected but I love you guys to death don’t grow distant you know how to reach me  
From: Lando from the bando!

**To: All seniors**

Congratulations, I hope everyone the best, for the future. It has been a pleasure to serve you all. Go make your dreams come true.  
From: Ashley

**To: To the seniors in theater**

I enjoyed going to your alls plays. You all did a great job. Good Luck.  
From: Vicki Wolverton

**To: The 2017 Senior Class**

It has been a privilege to work with the wonderful class of 2017! Prosper forward and “carpe diem”!  
Love - Mrs. Payne  
From: Mrs. Payne

**To: English 112 Class**

I have enjoyed getting to know each of you. Thank you for your willness to share your lives with me. May all your future arguments be deliberative and may you “keep picking them up and putting them down.” Keep in touch!  
From: Professor Kirk

**To: Destiny Givings**

You worked hard in everything you do or did and that is what makes you. You deserve the very best now and in your future.  
From: Daveon Miles

**To: The entire senior class**

I love you all and the many memories we’ve made over the years. You’re all family to me and I will miss this class so much!  
From: Lauryn Young

**To: BFFL Group Chat**

Thanks for keeping me updated on all the latest drama & keeping me awake at night.  
From: KP

**To: Senior Class**

Congratulations seniors! We enjoyed serving you your breakfast and lunch. May all your dreams come true. Good luck on your future endeavors.  
From: Cafeteria staff

**To: all seniors**

Whether I had you in class or not, it has been a pleasure getting to know such an intelligent and talented group of students as yourselves. Remember to “shoot for the moon even if you miss, you’ll land among the stars.” Everything is possible with God’s will and hard work so get it done..  
For the students I had in class “Don’t go der today, you hear”, lol  
Bonne chance/Buena suerte/ Good luck for a brighter and happy future.  
From: Mrs. Myers

**To: All Seniors**

Thank you for your contributions to CHS. The school is a much better place for having you! Best wishes in your future  
From: Mr. Turner

**To: To All My Kids**

Congratulations, you all did it. I am so proud of you all. Good luck with the rest of your life.  
From: Your, Cafeteria Mom

**To: The seniors**

I’ve enjoyed serving all of you. I will miss you all. Best wishes in the future.  
From: Lorie Polston

**To: Class of 2017**

Congratulations to the Class of 2017. I hope you have a nice life after high school and everything works out for you in your life.  
From: Abby Bays

**To: the teachers**

ou have done your job in educating these seniors. Now open your wings and let them fly.  
From: Vicki Wolverton

**To: Austin C. & BFFL**

I love you all, thank you for making my high school experience amazing!  
From: Eliana Maglione

**To: Seniors**

I enjoyed serving you all and hope you all make a difference in this crazy world.  
From: Vicki Wolverton

**To: Class of 2017**

Graduation is finally here, it will be sad to leave all the memories. But I couldn’t have asked for a better group to spend my years with.  
From: Jonah Lemonds

**To: The seniors**

You all made it to the end of school. Now enjoy your sucess and hold on to your dreams and never give up! Keep trying. Love and miss you all  
From: Cafe Lady

**To: Class of 2017**

Love all of you guys!  
From: Benett McEwen

**To: The Class of 2017**

We have had a long run but I’m ready to get out of here! Goodluck in life everyone!

From: Alex Taylor

**To: Senior Girl Basketball Players**

Good luck in all your future endeavors, and never forget... CSCQ!!  
From: Coaching Staff

**To: The class of 2017**

As you grow older & graduate from college or work wherever it is you want to wrok just rember who you are & wehre you come from. Don’t allow others to stompout your light & always know your dreams are never too far out of reach.  
From: Mrs. Smith

**To: Orlando White Jr., Tyler Martin, Max Segoviano, Austin Coher, Lexie Cohen**

Thank you all for buying in and being great leaders for the football team in my 1st year. I greatly appreciate it.  
From: Coach Turner

**To: Class of 2017**

Hugs Not Drugs <3

From: Nurse Caitie

**To: Class of 2017**

I will miss most of you! Please be ON TIME for graduation!!

From: Mrs. Main AKA J-Ice The Eyes In The Skies



**To: Noah Rowley**

Congratulations, Noah! You are such a kind hearted and in telligent person and I can’t wait to see wher you future takes you, I’m so blessed to be a part of it. Continue being you, because you’re amazing.  
From: Natalie



**To: Tori**

you don’t know how much I love you! You may not know this, but you have impacted my life more than you know it! You have changed me in so many positive ways! I will always look back and remember you! I love you and best of luck!  
From: Dylan Cain



**To: My Newspaper and Yearbook Seniors**

Whether you’ve been with me all four years or just one, I was grateful for the chance to work with you and know you better. Wishing you the best in all you do. <3  
From: Ms. Short



# Go cart hobby drives Isgrigg Sportsdrome racing



by Juliana Johnson

At just 11 years old, junior Shane Isgrigg started his racing career. The majority of his family is involved with racing and this made him want to race. When he started racing, he began with go karts and raced go karts for 5 years at the Clark County 4H fair ground.

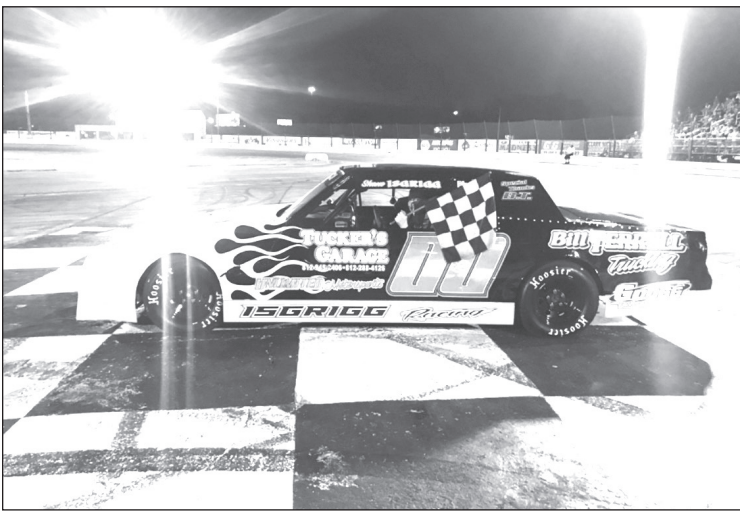
Isgrigg now races actual cars at the Sportsdrome. He races in the dromer division. Last year, was Isgrigg's rookie year racing at the Sportsdrome. "I can't wait for next season. Racing is a feeling you won't understand until you actually strap into the car and do it. I love it," Isgrigg said. He looks forward to racing for many more years. The entire Isgrigg family is involved with racing. Most of the crew members are Shane's family and friends. "My dad used to race in figure 8 races. Seeing him race made me want to race too," Isgrigg said. His father has been racing since 1994 starting at the Louisville Motor Speedway.

Not only was Shane's father his inspiration for getting into racing, he also taught him

everything he knows about cars. They work on Shane's race car together. Back before he raced cars, Shane and his father worked on his go karts too. "It's cool that me and my dad are both into cars. I think it makes our relationship better," Isgrigg said. The two of them spend a lot of time together working on Shane's car.

Racing can be super fun, but also very dangerous. Racers wear many different things to help protect them in case they get in a wreck. Shane wrecked his car earlier this year. He drove head on into a wall going about 50 MPH. "Thanks to my safety equipment I didn't get hurt," Isgrigg said. Racers wear HANS devices which goes under the seat belt and around the driver's neck. The HANS device hooks into the helmet and assures that the neck stays in place when they crash. Drivers also wear fire suits and special racing gloves and shoes to help prevent any injuries.

Racing is not only dangerous, but very expensive. "It takes between \$10,000 and \$15,000



to build the car," Isgrigg said. Even though racing season is between April and November, racers work on their cars all year long and put a lot of money into them.

One of Shane's favorite things about racing is winning. "Racing is seriously such a cool feeling that most people don't understand and winning makes it so much better," Isgrigg said. Shane has won 4 races so far in his career and hopes to win many more in the future.

## Sports Briefs

### Baseball

This baseball season started playing games at the very beginning of April and they have had 15 games since their season has started. The team's last game will be on May 19th and they will be playing against and at Floyd Central. Though some games have been cancelled due to rain this season, the boys have had a lot of successful games so far. Their record right now is 6-11 and they still have a lot of games before their sectional game.

Junior Justice Weber plays left field and has been on the Clarksville baseball team for 3 years now. "We are trying to improve our record before sectionals but it is hard to do with all of the cancelled games due to all of the bad weather. I think that we could do well in sectionals this year but it also all depends on who we draw to play in the first round," Weber says. The first round of boys baseball sectionals is on May 24th at Providence, hopefully it does not get rained out.



Senior Tyler Martin won long jump at the Mid Southern Conference with a jump of 21'1". Boys' sectional is Thursday. photo by Ana DeKorte

### Golf

The boys golf team has a bigger team than they have in the past years, joining the team this season are seniors Blaze Golas and Benett McEwen and also joining the team is sophomore Jordan Cunningham. Returning players are Keigan Allred and Will Souza, who have played for the past two seasons.

Senior Benett McEwen tell us why he joined the golf team this year, "It is something that I always wanted to try and I'm glad I had this opportunity to play my senior year and I have had a great time learning and playing the game of golf and creating new friendships with my teammates". He also says that he recommends that other students to try new sports because he had a good experience with it. This year the team also added on a new coach Cody Munk come onto the team. The boys golf team sectionals will be on June 2nd at Covered Bridge at 5pm.

### Track

New coaches have attracted more students onto the track team this year. Marquise Parrish is a Clarksville Alumni who ran track all four years in high school and advanced onto state his senior year. Parrish is one of the new coaches joining onto the track team this year and because of his experience with track he has been able to help the team learn and advance throughout their season.

Senior Tyler Martin advanced onto indoor state before the school outdoor season started and got 4th place. Martin is confident in his running this year and in his sectionals performance this season. "I think as a team we might do as well as we would individually in sectionals this year," Martin said. The track sectionals game is on May 18th at Jeffersonville High School.

### Softball

As the softball team finishes, the season ends with three wins. Although this wasn't their overall goal, they hope to keep their current talent and return next year with a more advanced team. Softball sectionals will be held at Paoli on Tuesday, May 23. Clarksville will be playing Paoli on Tuesday in the second game.

Starting out the season, they went through a rough patch due to positions and losing good seniors, but they made the best of it. "This season has been a little rough due to us losing our senior pitcher and catcher last year, but I think we are coming together more and more each game. I think next year it will get a little better and I am excited to see how things go next year. For sectionals this year we drew Paoli first round. They beat us during season but I think we have a good chance of beating them during sectionals," junior Shelby Henninger said. For the following season, the team will only be losing three seniors which opens three positions and will hopefully be filled easily.

### Tennis

The Tennis season finishes off with 1 win during the season against Corydon. Although not what they had hoped for they plan to use the practice and motivation from the season in sectionals. In the first round of sectionals Clarksville plays Jeff at Jeff High, so they will have the homecourt advantage.

The team consists of Ari Heart, Bethany Johnson, Carissa Guffey, Neftali Chavez, Mataya Watts, and Morgan Radlein. Although they didn't have a full roster, the six players came together and worked hard to have a good and fun season. "This season was amazing for me. Although we didn't have a full team we all had great attitudes and worked together to get better. I am really excited to be able to play next year because I have already learned so much from my amazing coach. I can't wait to grow and become even better next year," sophomore Carissa Guffey said. As the team finishes off their season they can possibly have five returning players.



Dropping out poor option for students

Dropping out is one of the largest issues threatening the futures of students, but it is unique in that it’s a threat in one major way; it is entirely the choice of the student. This means that in practice, the negative effects of dropping out do not have to be experienced if it is not one’s desire. It is very rare that dropping out will provide more benefits than injuries. Because of this, students must give a very serious consideration to what will happen if they are considering dropping out.

Firstly, they would not obtain their high school diploma. Ironically, although one of the major reasons some high schoolers drop out is so that they can pursue a job sooner and earn more money, their lack of a diploma will actually make the process of obtaining a job which actually pays well enough to support a future more difficult. According to a study published by the Public Broadcasting Service, “The average dropout can expect to earn \$20,241. This is \$10,386 less than the typical high school graduate, and \$36,424 less than someone with a bachelor’s degree.” This means that even if high school was left in order to work, dropping out provides an almost immediate disadvantage as compared to those with their high school diplomas, as their income levels will falter behind those who stuck to school. Because of this, dropouts face higher rates of unemployment, poverty and incarceration.

Secondly, not graduating high school can trample college opportunities. Few universities are interested in acquiring a student who does not demonstrate themselves as being able to pass through high school. In a work climate that is becoming even more inhospitable to those with lower levels of education, as many jobs require higher education, graduating college can be as important as the high school diploma. Without either of these, the dropout is left at a significant disadvantage in work.

Thirdly, if someone is considering dropping out because of issues with depression or other illnesses, they should reconsider. Attempting to find help through therapy is much more reward-

ing than altogether abandoning the stresses of schooling. Even though it can be horrible having to go through the constant work demanded by school when having to also deal with a disorder, dropping out is far from the best solution to the problem. The issues faced by those with mental disorders are multiplied when they come into conflict with poverty. Poverty can be a grinding mill to them, and it can lead to entering a cycle of problems which is difficult to break out of.

The least legitimate common reason for dropping out of high school is that the dropout did not want to go through the effort of doing assignments and studying for tests. Schoolwork is nothing compared to poverty. Since, for some, the choice between graduating high school and dropping out is inherently related to the question of poverty, potential dropout must remind themselves that it is worth it to do their work as it will prevent further suffering in their future.

There also remains the issue of why to stay in high school if a GED can instead be pursued within a shorter time frame. Besides the social and preparatory benefits which come with high school, there exist a number of economic benefits that a diploma offers over a GED. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a GED holder makes an average of \$1,600 per month less than someone with a diploma. In addition, 77% of GED holder will not progress further than the first semester of college, making it harder for them to access the benefits of higher education.

There are better options than dropping out. Students who consider dropping out because of grades should instead consider getting help to improve them. There is nobody that is simply unable to graduate, it can be done with effort. The few benefits one can get from dropping out are short term and within a short period will not be worth it. The problems that not graduating will cause are serious and must be deeply considered before any decision is made. Dropping out is an option which should not be recommended to anyone in non-extreme circumstances.

Birthdays

June

- 01 Sadie Hissam

02 Rayvon Givings

03 Daniel Bartley

04 Shane Philpott

05 Chandler Abell

06 Autumn Taylor

07 Jordan Isgrigg

08 Weston Bline

10 Jordan Hicks

11 Maggie Baird

12 Maria N Menjivar

Calvin Givings

Micah Fleck

Chris DeLaCruz

Na’Mya Duvall

Shane Philpott

Chandler Abell

Autumn Taylor

Ivis Ramos

Logan Wood

Kaleb Garmon

Kendall McKinney

Jayden Tate

Kylie Priddy
- 13 Rachel Barnes

14 Nicholas Schulz

15 Mackenzie Spalding

16 Madison Morris

18 Griffin Foley

18 Charles Daugherty

19 Julio Motte

20 Joseph Stamper

21 Nickolas Grindell

22 Kevin Sosa

24 Shawn Murphy

25 Emily Huff

26 Ethan Hall

27 Kailey Barrett

28 Orlando White

29 Kaitlyn Bateman

Skylar Condra

Sydnye Watts

Autumn Lanham

Blayden McMahel

Katelyn Bessinger

Jayda Bellamy

& July

- 01 Matthew Taylor

03 Katelyn Parrish

04 Chris Helbig

05 Bridgette Gentry

06 Shaelin Bruner

07 Abigail Whitson

08 Kiersten Adamson

09 Rionna Nevins

10 Carroll Shelton

11 Jeremiah Richert

12 Jada Walker

13 Moses Duke

Austin Swift

Ashley Jackson

Bridgette Gentry

Spencer Ferguson

Cody Bruner

John Sloan

Hannah Smith

Autumn Harding
- 14 Josh White

16 Kaycie Lang

17 Erica Elie

19 Savana Amato

20 Zackary Browning

21 Robert Hackney

22 Daniel Marr

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think it out before dropping out

# Higher paying jobs harder to find, military service affected



by Emma Hedrick

Ever thought about dropping out? It's a pretty common thought. School gets stressful and juggling school with work, sports, and life can be exhausting.

Some kids actually do drop out and according to the National Center for Education Statistics in 2014, 6.5% of all students did. Hispanics have the highest dropout rate at 10.6%. Out of the males, 7.1% drop out and out of the females, 5.9% drop out. These statistics were based on 16-24 year old who did not earn their high school diploma. To put that into perspective, there are 74.6 million K-12 students in the United States. 6.5% of that would be 4,849,000 students that drop out.

When thinking of dropping out, consider the facts. People who drop out will most likely make around \$10,000 less than someone who did finish high school and over \$35,000 less than someone with a bachelor's degree, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. There will be a greater chance to live in poverty, 30.8% more likely than someone who finished college. Also, according to the National Dropout Prevention Center, 82% of U.S. prisoners are high school dropouts.

In the state of Indiana, the age of dropping out is 18, or 16 with the consent of the principal and parents. After almost 12 years of school, dropping out may not be the best option, considering there is probably less than a year left of school.

Why do students drop out? "There isn't one reason. There's multiple reasons including

the main reason being the disinterest in school," Director of Guidance Christine Allred said.

If someone doesn't have enough credits by the end of the year doesn't mean they won't be able to graduate high school. "We try everything to let those kids graduate. If they don't have any credits, they will have to go to summer school to make up the credits. They have until September

matics. Going without a GED or a high school diploma can show the lack of motivation to some higher end employers.

High paying jobs will be harder to find and even harder to find a career. The military even has requirements about education. To be in the Army, a GED or a high school diploma and an ASVAB score of 31. For the Navy, a GED or a high school diploma with an ASVAB score of 35. The Marines require only a high school diploma and a score of 32. The Air Force allows a GED with 15 college credit hours or a high school diploma. With a high school diploma, the ASVAB score has to be at least 36, but with a GED, the ASVAB score has to be 65.

Students also withdraw from public schooling and turn to online schooling. Online schooling is a more effective than dropping out of high school because there will be a diploma at the end, but there is also more room for working full time. "It's helped me out by letting me be able to work full time and work towards getting

my own place and I can work at my own pace and will have one on one conversation with my teachers and other students when I need help which is a better way for me to do because I focus better. It hurt me because I don't see my friends as much as I used to and don't get to walk with my class anymore," former member of the class of 2017, Dashia Dexter, said.

While dropping out might be the thing to do at the time, in the long run, it's detrimental. To get most jobs, at least having a GED is required. That's a step back rather than just finishing high school. Think about the facts before taking a step back in life.



30 to complete those credits in order to graduate with their class. If they don't finish by then, they will be a 5th year senior and will have to be in a credit recovery class until they finish their classes. After that is done, they won't have to be at school anymore and I will put it on their transcripts," Allred said.

In order to further their education, someone has to get a General Educational Development (GED) first if they don't have a high school diploma. A GED is for someone who did not finish high school. That means that if someone wants to go to college, they are set back because they have to complete tests, which includes writing, reading, social studies, science, and mathe-



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