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## Gateway Park provides community with play space



by Bishop Hughes

Opening last spring, the new Gateway Park is free to anyone who wants to visit. To all of the park's guests, especially the young ones, it's a blast. It even has sprinklers connected to a slide. Parents can watch their children laugh, run around and have fun from a huge swinging bench.

"I love the new park, there's so much fun stuff here. I love it," seven year old Dalton Hines said. He seemed very excited to be able to play at the new Gateway Park.

Gateway Park has a very heat set up for the parents as well. "Yes I love the new park, it is so close to my house, and I can watch not far from where they play. The main goal in this community is to keep it clean, and safe. My children enjoy coming here," mom Manoly Jefferson said.

The water park will close during the winter, however the park will be continuously open from 9a.m.-9 p.m. all year long. According to Clarksville Parks Department, the park averages a couple hundred visitors during the week, and during a big event like movie night in the park it reaches around a thousand.

Elementary student Jackson Hughes encourages people to hurry and visit while it's warm outside, the sprinklers are cool and refreshing "I love getting wet here, I really love it when it's hot outside, except when I fall," Hughes said. There isn't much time before they shut off, the splash pad shuts off at the end of September.

Gateway Park, located next to the Clarksville Little League Park, opened May 3 and is open all year long. The park features a playground, splash pad and restrooms and cost nearly \$2 million to build. *all photos by Bishop Hughes*

## School improvment is reason for acheive change to CCR



by Destiny Robinson

Move over achieve here's the new CCR program. The College and Career Readiness development idea was created by the administrators to address the problems that faced the school's current achieve program. The issue was that students weren't using the time they were given to actually get any work done. Playing games and socializing with friends seemed to be the only thing that students were interested in doing. The new plan includes more group participation and listening activities.

One of the founding members of the CCR discovery program is master teacher, Pam Cooper. She put together the idea and suggested it to the staff. "I came up with the idea for the CCR class by going to a conference and talking with someone who practiced a similar idea. I wanted to do this about two years ago but it never caught on until I tried to do it this year," said Cooper. This happens a lot when someone is trying to run ideas across the staff and higher officials. Most often than not ideas get lost in the finer details of the upcoming school year. Everyone is panicking on what to do and where everyone should go for the homeroom/achieve, but not about what the students should be doing in that time.

"Achieve was basically a waste of people's time because it was used in the wrong way.

Students were on their cell phones or taking naps and not using their time wisely. I wanted to change the name because everyone already had a negative view on achieve. So I came up with a driving question: how can Clarksville High School students be college and career ready at the end of their high school experience? CCR is about building relationships with not only the facilitator/teacher but the students that are in there too. All four years the students will be with the same facilitator in hopes to build a stronger bond," said Cooper.

For seniors the program may be a little too late. They only have one more year at school which may play a role in whether or not they form a tight bond to their mentors and or classmates like some of the lower classmen. The facts are that the underclassmen have more time to spend with their individual mentors which might help them in the future. Senior Lexie Cohen said, "I think that instead of the CCR program we should start creating tutoring blocks because some students, (mostly freshmen and sophomores) are starting to fall behind in their work studying. The new program might help, but I won't believe it until there are results shown that shows improvement in grades and classwork. My advice would be to have extra help in class and study sessions at practice for athletes who don't have time to at home."

The students aren't the only ones taking part in the CCR experience. Teachers are just as involved as their younger counterparts. Ideas that are being thrown around are wearing T-shirts certain days and having class parties to celebrate birthdays. "We are planning a blood drive through Red Cross. We wanted to do something for the com-

munity. Making the community aware that we are trying to better ourselves was a huge goal for us as a team. Another plan we are trying to get into affect is to start using the courtyard. We have to still get the ideas approved by the School Board and the Clarksville Town Board though," said teacher Connie Holstine. One of the main parts of giving back to the community is through community service. Students can look up major events that can get them involved in community service because it looks better for their community and college applications.

"Also I wanted this to build school pride. Several of the students at Clarksville High School don't show or even have enough pride in their school. You're not going to learn and try if you don't fail so this was really just a trail run. I had to motivate the teachers in order to motivate the students. I had to sell the idea to the staff before we all agreed to try it this year. My main goal is for this to help both the students and the staff better interact with each other and prepare them for the future," Cooper said.

Instead of students sleeping or playing Uno during work time, the new CCR class will promote the use of studying and group work. The students will start thinking more about their goals and future hopefully than what card to lay down to win a game. In the future, students will be better prepared to handle jobs that require them to work with multiple people and get work done. College and Career Readiness is around to help students achieve the idea of how to get where they want to in life years down the road.



## New year brings new teachers



by Emma Hedrick

For the new school year, new staff members have joined the team. Missy Esarey is the new chemistry teacher since the school lost Samuel Myers.

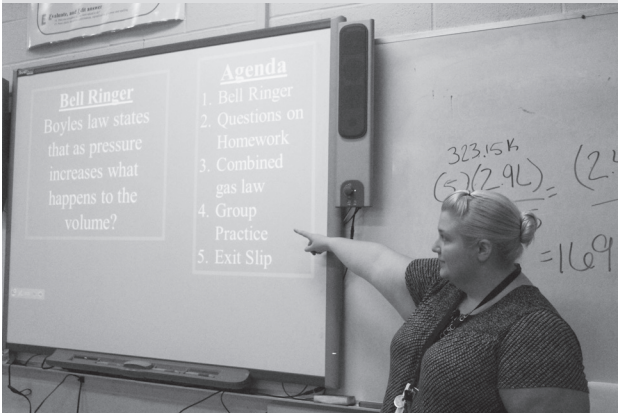
“I taught at New Albany last year and had taught in elementary school in both Indiana and Kentucky. I also taught at Indian Trails Elementary School for Reading Comprehension and pulled kids out of class,” Esarey said. She isn’t new to this rodeo.

Esarey has high expectations for her students this year. “I expect great things from my kids this school year,” Esarey said. “I expect them to know what tools to use for the labs and to understand the safety rules.”

Esarey enjoys the first day of school and she even compared it to “opening presents on Christmas morning.” The first day is confusing for all members of Clarksville High. “I love seeing everyone’s smiling faces on the first day of school, but it’s always chaotic for everyone including both students and staff. We never know how the classes are going to turn out because some kids I had on the first day got switched out to other classes,” Esarey said.

Joelyn Walley is the new addition for special education. She worked at Chicago Public Schools (CPS) for 10 years and after that, Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) for 10 years. Walley was happy to have started at Clarksville High School and had a good first impression this year. “I found the students friendly on the first day and many are eager to learn and it’s been a pleasure to meet the students here,” Walley said.

Teachers come to different schools setting expectations for their students. “During this school year, I expect all my students to meet their goals they have made for themselves and to do their best possible work they can,” Walley said. “I truly believe that every student can meet their academic goals if they try their best and always ask for help.”



Missy Esarey explaining to class their bellringer and the agenda for the period. photo by Emma Hedrick



Joelyn Walley helping a student with her homework. photo by Emma Hedrick

# Welcome not so new principal back to school with open arms



by Dashia Dexter

Clarksville schools have a great staff. Majority of the students and are outgoing and some only pay attention to what they think is important at the time. The schools get new teachers all the time that has never worked in clarksville schools before and didn’t know who they were. One certain person has worked with clarksville for years through tap and knows how the school runs and now she is our principal.

For the year of 2016-2017, Adrienne Goldman has took a very big job as becoming the principal. Most students don’t know of her and think it’s her first year but it really isn’t. She has worked for clarksville for years. She was tap master for the three years. She still worked for tap but worked for the state AXwhen it came to tap.Goldman also did a few other things instead of just working for tap. She was a teacher at East Washington schools, assistant principal, and she was one of the people that helped the teachers with their work. For those of you who think this is her first time doing anything like this, it’s not. She knows how to handle students and parents, but now she has a bigger title, bigger responsibilities, and more say so in what happens to the school. Pam Cooper said “Mrs. Goldman was an excellent choice for CHS principal for a number of reasons. Most importantly she cares about the CHS students, staff and Clarksville community. She understands teaching and learning and knows how to bring out the best in people. She is willing to try new methods and strategies to increase achievement and school moral and will work tirelessly to facilitate the kind of change that makes us all proud to be part of CHS.”She has worked with her for years and now that she took her spot in tap she is also one of the people that knows Goldman is going to do a great job with the postion she has.

The year that Goldman has worked with clarksville and seen how other principals have ran the school and seen how others have ran their school at East Washington schools, she was asked if she would like to change anything about

the things that goes on with the school, like rules, dress code, simple stuff like that. Her response to the question was “It depends on what the situation is. Majority of how things are we will keep the same but if we see that there is something that can be changed or needs to be changed we will do our best to change it and make any given situation easier for everybody.” Not only is she think-

ing about how people see the school but she is also thinking about how the students and staff feel inside the school. She makes sure that each student is taken care of when they need it and makes sure the rules and regulations get changed in areas she sees that need to be changed.

Students may see her running down the hall and she might have this mean look on her face or she might looked worried. But her facial expression doesn’t change how she feels about being higher up with a school, the facial expressions come with the stressful but big job. Gold-

man said “I’m excited about the job and have been excited about it. Being principle you see things a little differently than you used to but it’s a good job and i’m happy to have it. There is never a dull moment because you never know what’s going to happen. I never know who’s going to walk through the door or who’s going to be on the other end of the phone.” With all the students in this school she never knows what kind of trouble others are going to get themselves into, plus she has to deal with the parents if they don’t feel like their kid needed the punishment they got or if parents has concerns with their kid. She has to answer to a lot of people on the decisions she makes and even has to ask herself if she is doing the right thing.

For the class of 2017 this will be the only year Goldman will be able to show what she can do, but with the help she has she will get the hang of how everything runs. Her experience working with students and decision making makes it a little easier for her to get the hang of things. Nobody knows how this year is going to go but for goldman she hopes it’s going to be a great first year for her.



New Principal Adrienne Goldman signs papers before moving on to another task. photo by Dashia Dexter

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achieve out as CHS moves to CCR

Every CCR starts with a driving question; students who come up with their very own or maybe even thinking into the one provided for them can help students push themselves towards becoming more confident. Setting goals and preparing is not the worst thing and it just might get a student further than what they think.

Achieve is new and improved, CCR is here to further students knowledge on career and college also helping students prepare for the outside of high school's four walls. Taking 25 minutes each Monday and Friday doing activities and setting future goals might seem like a bore and a waste of time, but it is actually pretty smart. This will only benefit the student in the long run, being able to decipher which path each student would like to choose for a career and what college would suit it best. Tuesday through Thursday students will still be able to used as a "homework" time, and students are still able to go to the classes that they might be struggling in, or maybe need to catch up on the previous lesson.

CCR is also a way to get students excited for something. When a senior gets accepted to college their CCR group is allowed to give a celebration of sorts just to embrace the fact that something pos-

itive can happen. Right now CCR groups are coming up with projects that can help the community of Clarksville. Students and their CCR teacher will have to submit ideas to the administration to see if they will be approved, and no need to be discouraged when they don't because you can always try again. The overall goal for CCR is to make Clarksville High a better place.

All students have a certain group that they fit into, CCR is also meant to split those groups up and try to open up the relationships between each of the students. This is also meant to improve a student teacher relationship, where if in any case a student is in need and wants to confide in someone their CCR teacher is a trusting adult that they can tell. Building new relationships and looking to future is sometimes scary, but sometimes it is needed.

The students who attend high school can't stay in the four walls of high school forever and CCR can help change the students fear of growing up and push them to make them want to better. Showing that they have control of their future, and that when they put their minds to it they can achieve their goals they set out for.

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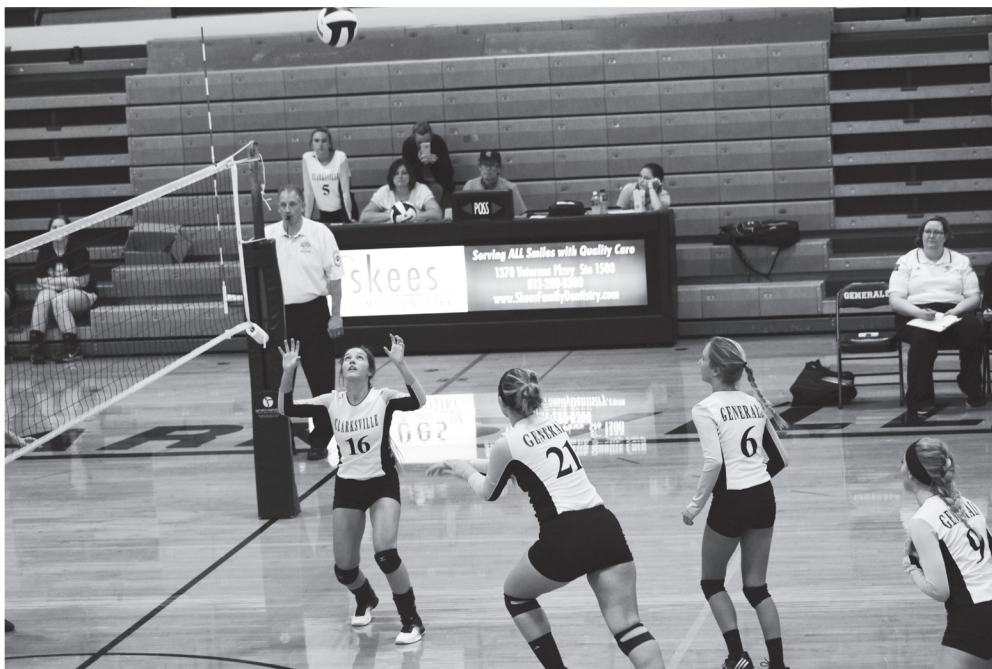
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## Coach makes transition from middle to high school

Coming from the middle school to the high school can be a difficult transition especially when it comes to being a teacher. As a teacher, there are certain things that have to be done such as planning for the classes and different lessons that have to be taught. As stressful as that may be, being a coach on top of it makes it even more stressful. Joby Turner is the new Economics, U.S. History, and World History teacher. He is also the new head coach of the football team.

Juggling two jobs, no matter how fun one may be, is still a lot to handle. "I knew going into it that it would be difficult and challenging. I'm teaching three different classes and trying to change the culture of the football program at the same time. I'm just anxious to see how this goes, and I think some success on the football field will make everything a lot better," Joby Turner said. With the stress of being a teacher and a coach Turner plans to succeed in both teaching and coaching.

With coaching comes a certain level of respect that coaches want from the players. A coach has multiple different responsibilities on the field that can affect his players in the classroom. "He is very cool when you do something correct or if you don't know what you are doing he will help you. What I like best about how he coaches is that he helps you when you are confused, he doesn't take all of what we do to the max and punish us for it unless it is something serious that needs to stop. He is also a good coach when it comes to the consequences of our actions because he shows us that since we are a team that we will get punished as a team to show us that our actions will affect each other even if it doesn't include everyone," Bailey Gravely said. When players have positive coaches the players tend to thrive more and enjoy the sport. A positive but harsh coach allows the players to grow both as an athlete and a person.

Teaching comes with a lot of responsibility because the teacher is supposed to guide the students in the right direction. "Being a coach and a teacher means that you teach first. You don't get paid nearly as much to coach as you do for teaching. Teaching is your first priority, and I try and do that. I don't wanna sit there and be that teacher that shows a lot of videos. I wanna make sure the kids learn, and when they leave Clarksville that they have a good understanding of how the real world works," Turner said. When focusing on two different jobs, Turner keeps in mind his priorities.

When it comes to teaching there is a connection teachers have with their students. "I honestly really enjoy having Mr. Turner as a teacher. He is always there to help me when I need him. I also really like how he prepares us for our test and makes the class fun," Allyson Richey said. Having a helpful support system in the classroom allows a better learning environment to be created.

Even with the stress of having two jobs, teaching is still a priority for Turner. He is up for the challenge and ready to improve the education of the students and the quality of football program. Turner is rising to the challenge and is staying positive about the effects on his teaching and coaching career.



by Hannah Morris

### Football

Varsity

IAHS: score 0-52

Eastern: score 7-59

Charlestown: 6-92

JV

Eastern: 14-28

Floyd: 6-38

### Volleyball

Varsity

South Central: 3-0

Southwestern: 3-2

Lanesville : 3-0

Charlestown: 0-3

Brownstown: 0-3

Eastern: 3-0

Borden: 3-0

Austin: 2-3

North Harrison : 2-0

JV

South Central: 2-0

Southwestern: 2-0

Lanesville: 2-0

Charlestown: 2-1

Eastern: 2-0

Borden: 2-0

Austin: 2-0

North Harrison: 2-3

### Tennis

Austin: L

Henryville: W

Brownstown: L

Providence : L

### Cross Country

Silver Creek

Bobby Cummings : 30th

Keegan Allred: 30th

North Harrison

Bobby Cummings: 105th

Isaac McKim: 165th

Keegan Allred: 106th

Girls Golf:

Corydon: L

Eastern: L

Henryville: L

Borden: L

Corydon : L

Silver Creek: L

Salem: L

Jeff: L

Silver Creek: L

Southwestern: L