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Generals' football possibly moving down to 1A sports team

by De'airel Baker

The Clarksville Generals have been classified as a 2A school for the past five years. Playing schools twice their size on the field. As of the 2020-2021, Clarksville High School and Renaissance Academy, combined, have a total of 353 students, placing them within the requirements of a 1A school.

"Teams our size would be better because we always played slightly bigger teams and that have more of a roster and depth under them to go against, I would feel a lot better if we played schools our size," junior outside linebacker Ethan Wellman said.



Sophomore Robert Lamar attempts to score at the game against Charlestown during the 2020 season. photo by Johelisa Santana

To be classified as a 2A school that school should have about 544 students enrolled. Last time Indiana high schools were classified, Clarksville High School was in this range, but this number has gone down. The enrollment number for a 2A school in the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IH-SAA) ranged from 288 to 544 students as of the 2019-2020 school year. CHS is currently a 2A school with 436 students as of the 2019-2020 school year. Next season, the IHSAA has to re-classify the Generals' sports and determine which rank they will be participating at, which could possibly be 1A. The range of enrollment numbers for 1A schools is from 121 to 380 students. The reclassification will be done this year and we will know the results in the spring.

"In just this past year, it has just been hard when you have to play the game both sides and then you see the other team and they got players for different plays and when you walk out on the field they are just way bigger, stronger and faster than most of our team and I'm just glad to be moving down to 1A," sophomore Morgan Capps said.

According to football players, going

down to class 1A could help the football team possibly win more games. It would also decrease the amount of worry they hold when playing bigger schools. Going down a class would mean that they won't have to worry about the number of players on the other team because both teams will have about the same amount of players on each side.

"A great opportunity for us to play more teams that are comparable to our size, not lesser teams," head coach Justin Boser said, who agrees that this would be a wise idea. If Clarksville gets reclassified into a 1A school, the players will have more advantages at the game than anything and will experience a more fair gameplay.

"We are going to play teams that have played in semi-state the last couple of years and have played for sectional championships, but they're going to be more our size and play more teams that have the same amount of players we have. Like teams that have 30 to 40 players like us, rather than some teams that play with 50 to 70 players. I think it would be a good opportunity to see how far we could grow by playing teams that are comfortable for us," Boser said.

Some schools would think moving from a higher school class to a lower class is bad, but to Clarksville football players and head coach, it's not. The players also agree, but they share they same gratitude for getting the opportunity to play as a 2A. "One advantage of us being a 2A school was we were playing schools that were 3A and we were not really supposed to win, but when we did win a lot of people were happy for us. But some disadvantages were when we lost 8 games and some of those were hard to compete like Silver Creek because

we didn't even score and we lost by 70. If our school moves down

to 1A, it gives us a bigger advantage,"

For Clarksville having such a small population for so long, one would think that the IHSAA would put it down to a 1A school. The Generals have been playing schools twice their size for years, even 3A schools like Scottsburg and Charlestown. The Generals still played 1A schools, and they made sure to push themselves and get a win and have different strategies each game. "The strategies that we use on bigger schools is 'stack the middle' because most bigger schools, when they play us, they just run up the middle because that's where we are weak and some of our lineman are not as big as the other schools and we contain the outsides so that the quarterback can't run," Capps said.

If Clarksville gets moved down to the 1A class, they would get to play schools like Milan or Clinton Central. Being a 1A school next year might change the Generals record, for better or for worse, but will affect almost every aspect of their game play. From how the team practices to who they play in Sectional, moving down a class can benefit every player on the Generals.

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EDITORIAL: Good luck comes from our mind's perspective

Often the phrases "I was dealt a bad hand" or "I just have bad luck" are said when things aren't going exactly the way someone wants. When life seems to be made up of one bad incident to the next, it can be hard to believe anything else except that one has been "dealt a bad hand in life," but what many fail to realize is that good luck is not a product of birth or life path. Good luck comes from within.

The human mind is the true source of anyone's luck. What one thinks about, ponders upon, is what can manifest into reality. It's like if someone is thinking of a yellow car, they are going to notice a yellow car or if one is looking for a flaw, one is going to find a flaw. This thought process plays a similar role in the quality of life. If someone is thinking of success, they are going to notice success. If one is looking for opportunity, one is going to find opportunity.

So, if it seems like someone just has bad luck, it could actually be how they think. It is easy to believe that life sucks when the complete focus of one's thoughts is on everything that is wrong, every flaw and every negative aspect. To someone like this there really isn't anything good or positive going on or in other words, the bad triumphs all the good. When in reality, there are actually good things happening to them, they just have their focus on the negative events, and therefore only recognize the bad.

On the other hand, if someone's thoughts are on the positive aspects of life, they are going to have a brighter outlook. For this person, there are more positive things happening than negative, to them the good triumphs the bad. These types of people are not going to have such a doomed perspective on their lives, even if things do not always go the way they might want it to, because ulti-

mately they recognize all of the good that exists.

It is the power of thought that will make everyone's goals and desires possible. If someone is not mindful regarding what they want, they may never get it. Luck is more than being "dealt a bad hand," it's what one's focus and energy is going into. Within this day and age, there is a lot of talk about manifestation. Hundreds of people write down what they want, talk about what they want and focus on what they want. And in time, they reach their goals. This success is beyond a spout of good luck or fate. These achievements happen because certain people are putting the energy into their hopes and dreams, it was not their life path or their birth-right or stumbling upon a four-leaf clover. It is merely dedication and inner desire that is creating good luck, and therefore can be found by anyone right in their minds.

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'Ginny & Georgia' in need of redemption in next season

by McKenzie Murdoch

Ginny and Georgia premiered on Netflix on February 21, 2021. It stars Antonia Gentry as Ginny Miller and Brianne Howey as Georgia Miller. The show is about a single mother raising Ginny and Austen (Diesel La Torraca), conveying what struggles Georgia had to overcome to get to the point she is at now. They move to Wellsbury to get a fresh start after Georgia's husband dies and they meet an abundance of new characters including neighbors, Maxine (Sara Waisglass) and Marcus (Felix Mallard), along with their parents.

Ginny was the new girl at yet another school and was convinced that again she wouldn't have any friends. She just wanted her mom to stay single so it would be just her, Georgia and Austen. Eventually Ginny met Max, who introduced her to Abby (Katie Douglass) and Norah (Chelsea Clark). I loved how they all met in school because she called out her teacher, who was horrible in the show and should have been fired.

The Millers were only able to move because of their dad's will, but his previous wife is consisting the will and brings in a private investigator which causes problems by digging up any dirt he can on Georgia, including what she may have done in the past.

Welcomed into town, Georgia sets her sights on the Mayor of Wellsbury, Paul Randolph played by Scott Porter. I don't really have a specific reason to dislike him, but I felt that he was nosy for no reason, and maybe I thought he was just a replacement for a father figure, or a boyfriend, but I don't think he really fit in with the Millers.

Before the show begins, there should be a trigger warning for viewers watching the show. It can cover topics like self-harm, so be forewarned. And honestly as much as I liked this show, there was a lot of second-hand embarrassment, and it is basically an updated version of Gilmore Girls. It did feel like the writers just threw problems into the show without building up to it, especially with Marcus's storyline. Some of the things that happened in the show didn't really add to the plot either.

At first, I loved the characters, then they slowly went down hill as the show progressed. Some added nothing to the plot and were insignificant. I didn't like how it felt like Max was trying to push Ginny on Hunter. It felt like there was no real chemistry between the two characters. Also, Ginny was too involved with how Hunter got better grades or won more contests. I just didn't like his character overall. He was a good boyfriend, but not for Ginny. Although, her actions towards him were unexcusable. Also, Hunter's friends were extremely annoying. They always made sexist comments, and even some about Ginny's race, and I didn't like how everyone basically overlooked them.

Georgia is one of my favorites throughout the show, but her actions were questionable, some were definitely illegal as well, but at the end of the day she did it for her children. I hated the way Ginny treated her throughout the show. She never could understand what Georgia went through growing up, who did what she needed to, to survive. She doesn't appreciate what she does for her. Georgia didn't tell her children about some things be-

cause she wanted to protect them. I loved the flashbacks showing Georgia's life before and after having Ginny.

Then there is Joe, the owner of Blue Farms cafe, he was one of the only people who I didn't dislike at the end of the show. I felt like his character had a lot of depth, and the connection to Georgia's past was unexpected, but I felt

that it was fitting, having all these new people around, when some of them might not be as new as others. He was always really supportive, and put everyone else's need above his own which is very admirable. In next seasons, I definitely want to see more of him, and I want him to actually get a love interest. He is too good to be pining over a woman who doesn't realize that he likes her.

I loved the relationship between Ginny and her mom and how open it was. In the beginning, I liked how honest they could be with each other. On the other hand, Ginny's relationship with her father was underwhelming. He was never there, then out of the blue he shows up only to leave again. Parents aren't supposed to abandon their children when things don't go right for them. That relationship had so much potential and the writers wasted it.

Throughout the season my dislike for Ginny grew more and more. The way she treated both Hunter and Marcus was horrible, when all Marcus does is care about Ginny (at the end). A lot of their arguments were her fault. I think both Hunter and Marcus deserved better than being in a relationship with Ginny. She always found a way to bring the conversation back to herself, and didn't take other people's feelings into consideration, especially when her and Hunter had the conversation about race, which both were in the wrong during that argument.

I didn't like how none of them cared to ask about Abby and how she was doing, instead when she told them everything was okay they dropped it even though they knew it wasn't. I definitely want the next season to go deeper into Abby and Norah's backstory. I felt like they kinda just brushed over it.

Although I didn't really like Norah during season one, the writers gave her no plot, and overall she didn't really do much to contribute to the progression of the overall plot of the show. Viewers know almost nothing about her except she is in a relationship and friends with the other girls at school. While compared to Abby and Max we have seen a lot more about their private lives. Norah felt like someone who was just there as a filler, and not even a good one at that, she seemed more dedicated to other things than her friends, like they were just an afterthought. She often gave off the vibe that she wasn't even really friends with them because she likes them, and that she was just sticking around so she didn't have to be alone.

At the end of the show, I felt Max was



a bit selfish and overdramatic. It felt like she never cared about other people's problems, not even her own brothers. I felt that way about his whole family. It seemed like none of them cared, and they never once mentioned what trauma he went through. Or even when he got in his accident, they all just brushed it off like it was nothing when there was clearly something that triggered him to do it in the first place.

The thing about the season finale of the show that makes me so upset is that Ginny and Georgia are literally the same people. Ginny started taking the same actions that Georgia took when she was her age, and they both don't realize how much alike they are. It's all very hypocritical.

In future seasons, I want redemption arcs for Georgia and Ginny and I want their relationship to be mended. So far nothing has been released that there will be an official season two, but viewers are hoping that it comes around February next year.





Two sides of one coin:

athlete and coach express thoughts on leaving the conference

Student athlete's thoughts...

by Summer Neal

As of the 2021-2022 school year, the Clarksville Generals will be leaving the Mid-Southern Conference (MSC). Since 1958, the Generals have battled against surrounding area schools in almost all sports, including against the Austin Eagles, Brownstown Central Braves, Charlestown Pirates, Corydon Central Panthers, Eastern Pekin Musketeers, North Harrison Cougars, Salem Lions, Scottsburg Warriors and Silver Creek Dragons. This choice to leave the conference has more negatives than positives that will affect not only student athletes, but the school community as a whole.

Athletes of smaller sports will first see the consequences of leaving the conference to be an independent school. These small sports, such as golf, tennis, cross country and track have much less of a chance of being recognized at a regional level like basketball or football teams do. Playing in the conference tournaments or competing against the other conference schools for an overall tournament allows for these players to be recognized for their hard work. For example, a golfer could play well at the conference tournament and place high enough to be put on the all-conference team or a tennis player can win enough matches against conference schools through-

out the season to be picked for the all-conference team. While it may be harder for the team as a whole to succeed, competing in the conference allows individual players to be in the spotlight. Due to the high popularity of other sports (like football and basketball) it is a lot easier for those players, or the team as a whole, to be recognized.

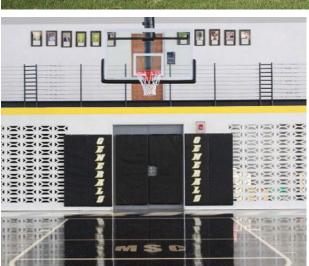
Scheduling teams that will want to play against the Generals is another issue. Yet again, this issue will hit smaller teams the hardest. While the football schedule for next year is already set in stone, including playing three MSC teams, it will be much harder to find teams that actually want to play the smaller sports. Now that these competing teams no longer are required to play the Generals for conference purposes, many will most likely choose not to. This will require teams to possibly have to travel extremely far distances just to play a match or game, all on a school night.

While at the moment the plan is to become independent starting next school year, there are currently no prospects of a conference for the Generals to ever join. The two closest conferences that are potential options are the Southern (SAC) and Patoka Lake (PLAC) conferences. However, there is

a catch to both of these options. In the SAC, there are no football teams, taking away from one of the Generals' biggest sports. The PLAC features teams that are quite the distance from the Generals, averaging 42.5 miles away from Clarksville High School. This will not only make it harder for the Generals to get to games, it also hurts the other teams in the conference as they must travel as well. Neither one of the conferences are a given, leaving the future vastly unknown.

Many argue that leaving the conference is for the better of the school as a whole. In many sports for the Generals, it is hard for the team to be competitive in the MSC due to just how strong the conference is as a whole. While it is important to consider the athletic system as a whole, by leaving the conference a message is sent to the rest of the athletics world that we do not believe we are strong enough to play against better teams. There is an old saying that by playing against people that are better than you, you are only going to improve. By moving down to a conference where we think we can compete with, we will only improve so much as a school sports program.





Above: Senior Keyshawn Minor throws a pass at the game against Charlestown in the 2020 season. photo by Johelisa Santana

Left: The current floor in the main gymnasium features the Mid-Southen Conference le,bellum. photo by McKenzie Murdoch

Teacher and coach's thoughts...

by Casey Bowles

By leaving the Mid-Southern Conference I think the Clarksville High Athletic programs will benefit. This move is in the best interest of all the student athletes. It is a positive move to promote success for every team. A majority of our athletes participate in multiple sports and this provides an oppurtunity to become more competitive for schools on our schedule. This will allow all sport programs to be successful and build on those achievements. The athletic department will also be able to schedule other schoools that are more our size, allowing the teams to be more competitive. I am excited to start this new schedule with the Clarkville volleyball team next fall. It is an exciting time to be a Generals.





Spring sports' cancellations cause athletes to fall behind

COVID-19 took the world by storm in early March 2020. From out of nowhere, schools started closing down. Most people thought that it would only be for a couple of weeks. However, when it slowly started getting closer to summer, most realized that the pandemic was here to stay for the long haul.

Spring sports were supposed to start at about the same time as when schools switched over to remote learning last school year. Most athletes figured it would be just a week, giving them more time to relax before workouts started to kick in. However, those athletes would never even get to try out for their sports, and most would not even get to

Generals' bowling season ends sadly for some

by Skylar King

Bowling season for the Clarksville Generals starts in late fall and doesn't end until the end of March. The team placed 3rd overall in sectional and four advanced to regionals. While this might be the case, there were some disappointments felt among the team members. Senior Dalton Bowen was the only team member who advanced to semi-state which will be this Saturday.

"One negative from the season was that we weren't really there for each other and trying to keep everyone in a good mood..." junior Emily Kaiser said.

Kaiser hopes that next year the team becomes more united. This year there wasn't much intermingling amongst the different grades levels, preventing a bond from being created within the team. For herself, she hopes to become more outgoing and positive. This season, she failed to keep a good attitude, which she thinks contributed to her not advancing to regionals. Winning sectional is a goal for her next year.

"Overall the season was good, but we just ended on a bad note," Bowen said.

Bowen described their performance in sectionals as "horrible" and said that they had "a lot more room for improvement." Personally, he was also hoping to shoot a 300, but did not manage to do so this season. Despite this disappointment, his views on the season were not entirely negative. He explains that everyone worked to be the best they could be.

"I hope they make it into sectional next season as both a team and individuals," Bowen said.

While this season was a little disappointing for the bowling team, they did have some bowlers make it into regionals. Sophomore Cheyenne Bowen, Sophomore Shalynn Murphy, Senior Thayne Woods and Senior Dalton Bowen advanced. Next year, Bowen and Kaiser hope that the team becomes more united and Bowen sends his best as he will be graduating this year.

touch the field they played on. Sports such as girls tennis, baseball, track and field and others would miss out on their entire season. Some students only played spring sports.

"Half my team will be playing their first high school baseball games, so I expect there to be some nervousness in the beginning of the season," baseball coach Jamie Knight said.

For many athletes, this pause in high school sports hindered their ability to get better at their sport. This especially applied to the freshman at the time, as they didn't have the time to get better and ready for their sophomore years. While physically, they may be more mature, most sophomores this year will have the same high school sports experience as freshmen. While this may be a disadvantage, every school will experience this. Nearly every school across the nation cancelled their spring sports seasons last year. So, while it may be inconvenient for coaches this year, it will be something all schools will have to face.

Some skills come from having in-game experience. This can include confidence, teamwork and other mental things. Knight said, "We try to simulate pressure situations in practice: having fielders field a ball and throw to a base while we time them with a stopwatch, but it is not quite the same as in a game with an actual runner. There is no way to actually simulate our hitters batting with two strikes and runners on base in a tie game. Some things just have to be learned in the games."

Staying in shape was hard for most athletes, as along with school being cancelled, everything else was also closed. This included gyms, sports facilities and even parks. Clarksville alumnus, and now Bellarmine baseball player Webster Walls said, "Gyms not being open and then not being able to play for almost a year made it really hard to get my body and skill in the shape it needed to be in."

One of the biggest things that students missed out on was the joy of being around one

another. For many, sports served as a way to interact with friends and enjoy the little time outside of school that they had with one another. In addition, seniors did not experience their last time on the field together. "The hardest part about my senior season being cancelled was not being able to play with my team and missing out on all my senior season would have been.," said Walls. "A lot of people along with myself were really looking forward to the type of team we were going to have and it stinks I wasn't able to have the opportunity." Seniors missed out on their spring sports and would never get to play the last year of their high school sport. Not only did they not experience their final moments as a high school athlete, but they also missed the opportunity to play for college recruiters and get that last year of experience before college. "Without having a season last year, a lot of the friends I spent time with during track specifically, I didn't get that social time with them," sophomore Alyssa Leezer said.

This is something many students experienced. Sports are a time outside of school that students can interact with each other. In some cases this is their only time they get to see each other. Between the long school days and homework, very little time is available outside of the weekend to be spent with friends.

Athletes this year will be ready for a full season. Sophomores will finally have time to prove themselves as athletes, and others will finally be able to ready themselves for the sports year. For some, COVID's cancellations will have larger effects on their body than others. However, student athletes all around will continue to prepare for athletic success that was previously unobtainable due to the pandemic. COVID-19 has created problems for many that go unnoticed at face value. While to some these cancellations don't mean much, sports can be a focal point of some people's lives. COVID-19s effects will be long lasting, but it is the cancellation of sports is what will be remembered by athletes for long after.



Senior Dalton Bowen bowls at a match in the 2020 season. photo by Kelly Short



Clarksville High School theater stage is alive once again

by Kelsey Pease

The Clarksville High School (CHS) stage is alive, once again. Theater students guided by theater director, Dan Bullington, are working to put on CHS's first film called "Check, Please." This production has been staged by the school several times before as a one-act-comedy, but this is going to be a unique, COVID-19 adaption.

"I've been here my nineteenth year and, you know, the pandemic changed everything. Okay? Let's just face it...and with no way of having live audiences and just the fact that shouting, singing and talking were the easiest ways to spread the disease...we had to figure out something to do with the kids that would give them an opportunity to perform and at the same time be COVID safe," Bullington said.

Originally, "Check, Please" was a three part production. Due to the lingering effects of the pandemic, Bullington combined these parts, chose the best segments and turned it into a movie script of 15 scenes. The theater

CMS 8th grader, Dakota Uselton playing a child in "Check, Please" photo by Kelly Short

ment, expression and more. "Anything goes, really in movies. You can change things, you can improv things. We added stuff, you know, things just developed as we did it. That's just the beauty of doing film," Bullington said. This theater production is not requiring that strenuous schedule along comes

with doing a play.

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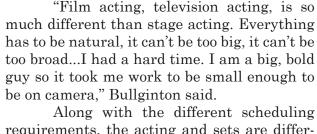
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requirements, the acting and sets are different for a film. The set for "Check, Please." is a four-wall, enclosed sound room designed like a restaurant scene. As for the acting, the students involved in the film had to learn their lines within a day or so compared to a play, where they would have had several weeks to a month. Before becoming a teacher, Bullington was involved in the entertainment business in New York and Los Angeles. So, he brought with him a little bit of experience. In addition to the small set-up and different realm of acting, the film might also include a laugh track feature.

"I have missed theater so much. I'm so glad that we finally got to do something," senior Kylie Bruce said.

The pandemic has caused a decrease in

that Bullington and crew filming scenes for movie "Check, Please." photo by Kelly Short

attendance in most social activities, including theater. Currently, there are about 24 people involved including Bruce. Bruce plays characters Ruth and Annie. Ruth is a politician, who insists that she is not one. Annie is a really dingy character, whose parents are cousins.

"It felt relieving to be a part of something," junior Joslyn Jaramillo said.

Jaramillo's role in "Check, Please." is a girl in a laughing scene. Her character confronts a guy, who lies about speaking different languages. One strategy that she is using in her scene is acting natural and learning her lines in a timely manner instead of procrastinating.

For each scene of the play, it takes about three to five hours to finish, according to Bullington. Therefore, it is going to take a couple of weeks to get a rough draft and maybe a little more time before it is released to the public. The pandemic has set aside this special opportunity for the CHS theater department to film a movie, something that Bullington hopes and plans to continue in the years to come.

E-learning is different at every school even on snow days

by Sara Vaughn

E-learning at Clarksville High School (CHS) starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:20 p.m. During these online days, CHS students are required to stay on their computers and show their faces throughout the entirety of class time. They get their daily assignments, which are usually due a day or so after it was assigned. This is the case even on E-learning due to snow days.

"I really enjoy e-learning. I think that in school learning often provides me with a lot of free time that I can't use," CHS senior Amber Amend said. Amend also explained how she feels more productive and comfortable and that if she were to change anything, she would change the site that we use from Google Classroom to Zoom. She said, "From my experience, Zoom lags much less than Google Classroom does." While this is the experience for CHS students, it is not necessarily the case for nearby schools.

At Floyd Central High School (FCHS), there are no mandatory google meets. However, the teachers have the freedom to host them if they want to. "Everything was mostly asynchronous and all the work was due three days after it was assigned so we could work at our own pace," FCHS junior Natalea Righthouse said. She explained that the teachers at FCHS had to record the calls they made so that the students could watch them anytime throughout the day. Similarly to CHS, FCHS assigns worksheets, articles and other activities like edpuzzles. The only thing Righthouse wished they could do differently was ensure that students were actually learning. "If they made google meets mandatory, I think I would have learned more and been more motivated to do my work..." Righthouse said. In addition, she liked having hybrid days so she could deviate from her normal schedule.

Freshman Nina Kruer, who attends

Our Lady of Providence High School, follows a closer schedule to CHS than FCHS. According to Kruer, she is on zoom calls from 10a.m to 3p.m and has about 40 minutes for a lunch break. Her assignments include writing papers or other regular homework."I think the snow assignments are a good amount of work. It's nice to start at 10 because we get to sleep in," she said. Kruer also added that she enjoys how her school manages snow days online.

From mandatory meets to timeless lecture videos, schools all over the nation are forming their own version of virtual learning. Students from all over are experiencing different styles and their own likes and dislikes of this new way of education. While E-learning looks different from one school to the next, it is no question that different tactics are being utilized to help students learn remotely.