

THE YOUNGTOWN EDITION

COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS' AWARD-WINNING STUDENT NEWSPAPER

CCM golf wins region, conference titles, places fifth in national tournament

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The golf team at County College of Morris capped off a 36-1 season by sweeping both the region and conference championships and finishing the national title in the fifth seed, the highest ranking in the program's history.

This marks the first region title at CCM since softball in 2016 and the first for golf since 2007 when Morris placed eighth in the country.

The Titans clinched the top honor of the National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIX at an outing Monday, May 7 and Tuesday, May 8 when they racked up a team score of 314 at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, New Jersey.

They earned the Garden State Athletic Conference Championship when they scored 310 also at Galloping Hill where freshman Kyle Kepler earned the tournament's best individual score at 74.

The team then secured the fifth spot out of 12 community colleges with a score of 317 at Chautauqua Golf Club in Chautauqua, New York Friday, June 8.

CCM freshman Nick Axelson shot the 14th overall best score of the tournament at 313; he also earned a spot as an NJCAA third team All-American for the 2018 season.

"It comes down to a lot of different factors, obviously, but overall, it was just a good group of guys," Axelson said. "I mean, we really got along together well as a team. We built off each

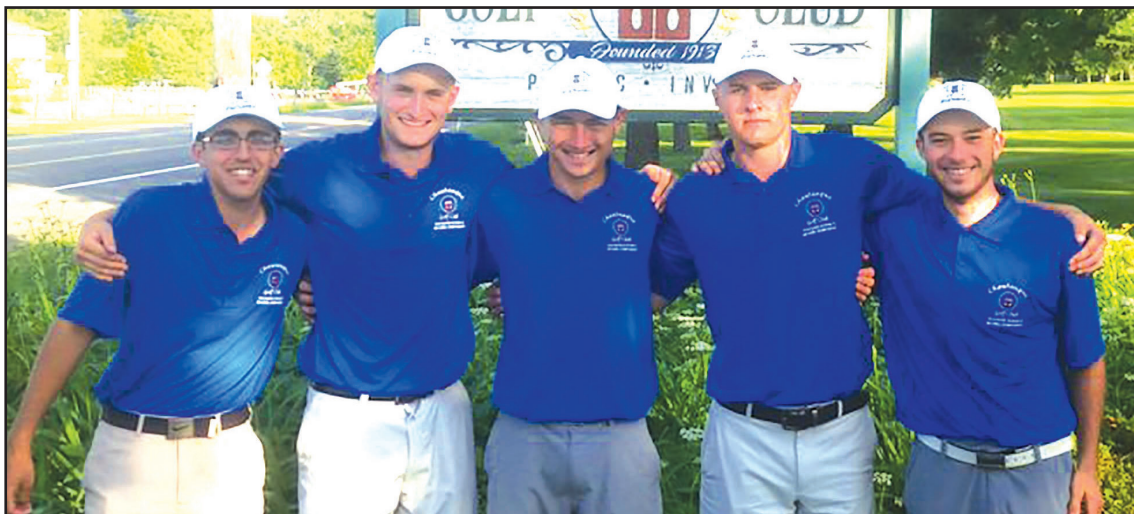


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CCM golf placed fifth in the national tournament at Chautauqua Golf Club in Chautauqua, New York. Left to right: Tommy Apostolico, Ricky Christensen, Ryan Ruban, Kyle Kepler and Nick Axelson.

other's competition as well as amongst ourselves as well as the other teams we were facing."

Axelson also said that head coach Jim Chegwiddden kept the team focused on and committed to the sport.

"He was very much a leader for all of us and somebody that we can strive to be, like somebody that we almost want to emulate for his seriousness and doing everything the right way, no cutting corners and just really putting in the time and the effort, and that goes all the way back to pre-season and the fall in just getting us into the gym, getting us a place to play schrimaches, getting us lessons with our assistant coach Mikey [Mrugal]," Axelson said. "We weren't just screwing around just having fun. We were going in competitive trying to win."

After the region title win and before nationals, Chegwiddden said that this team was his best

since 2007.

"Anything below eighth is going to be a good year; anything below fifth is going to be a great year," Chegwiddden said. "I think we're going to need a lot of luck. The second thing is everyone's going to have to understand that we're going to get some bad shots. You have to get past that and just deal with what's in front of you and not worry about what's behind you. That's why I like golf so much ... It's like life. If you worry about yesterday, then you can't take care of things today, so if you hit a bad shot, and you let it affect the rest of your round, then you're going to have a bad day."

Chegwiddden said that his ability to rely on all five team members helped lead to his team's success.

"I think the fact that we had five guys that could step it up at any time, and anyone could step it up and be a leader this year," Cheg-

widdden said. "The No. 5 guy Ryan Ruban from Florida, when we were playing in the region qualifier in Hybrid Hills back on May 2, he really stepped it up, and he was the one that got us in the No. 1 seed, and then, the first day of the region tournament, we took a 10-stroke lead, and the second day, we got another 10-stroke lead. We ended up winning by 20 strokes, and Ricky Christiansen, a freshman from Little Falls, he stepped it up. At the region tournament, he placed third in the region tournament. So in the beginning of the season, Nick Axelson from Roxbury, he carried us for the first part of the year, and then, Kyle Kepler from Wharton started playing really well towards the end of the season ... And then, you had Tommy Apostolico steady throughout the whole season. He was just right around 80 all year long."

Athletic director Jack Sullivan said that the team would have likely improved on their standing

if given more time at nationals.

"They all shot better as they tournament went on, so I think if the tournament had a few more rounds, they would have even improved upon a fifth place finish," Sullivan said. "I always think passion and desire to build a quality program comes from the coaches, and they have a personal connection to the school and the program."

Axelson said that he probably played his best golf last year, his senior year playing at Roxbury High School. During the fall 2017 semester, he attended Coastal Carolina University in Conway, South Carolina to play golf and study professional golf management, but when he found that he did not play as much as he had hoped, he transferred to CCM. He said that the lack of golf played between high school and CCM has hindered his game, and he hopes to practice more in preparation for next season to rebound.

"I've got a lot of parts of my game that could use much improvement especially my short game," Axelson said. "I think my putting let me down a lot this year, but just playing mid-season when you're playing almost three, four times a week competing, your game surprisingly gets so much better so fast constantly playing and putting in that repetition. I guess that's the one thing about next season is playing a lot of golf as a team and putting ourselves in situations with pressure and experiencing that before we have to deal with that is the biggest thing, the preparation."

Nursing program receives \$976K donation

BY DEANNA ROMA
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The County College of Morris accepted its largest donation in school history when the estate of Dominic and Catherine Bencivenga granted \$976 thousand to the college's nursing program Monday, April 16.

This grant brought the family's total donations to CCM to more than \$1 million.

The donation was given in memory of the Bencivengas' deceased children and former CCM students Gary and Cathy Jo. The latter was a registered nurse at Dover General Hospital which has since changed its name to St. Clare's Dover Hospital. The donation was put into play to pro-

vide scholarships to the college's nursing students and assist in the success of future CCM nursing program graduates with the Gary and Cathy Jo Bencivenga Memorial Scholarship.

The CCM Foundation, which was established in 1987, helps raise funds for college programs, scholarships, and staff development for other projects that are not funded through tuition and the public money.

"The Gary and Cathy Jo Bencivenga Memorial Scholarship is vital to our students' success in completing their nursing degrees," CCM President Dr. Anthony Iacono said in a press release. "As a leader in health and allied sciences, CCM prepares students to go on to achieve ex-

traordinary achievements in nursing at some of the finest medical institutions throughout the State of New Jersey and nationally."

The foundation's Board of Directors Chair William McElroy said that that he was thankful toward the family for its gift.

"The CCM Foundation has been the cornerstone of philanthropic giving to the County College of Morris," McElroy said. "Today, through this historic gift from the Estate of Mr. and Mrs. Bencivenga, we are positioned to begin our 50th Anniversary celebrations with strength and gratitude for all who have come before us and for all who will join our efforts in offering CCM the support it needs to fulfill its mission."

Bencivenga estate trustee Beverly Brown said that Gary and

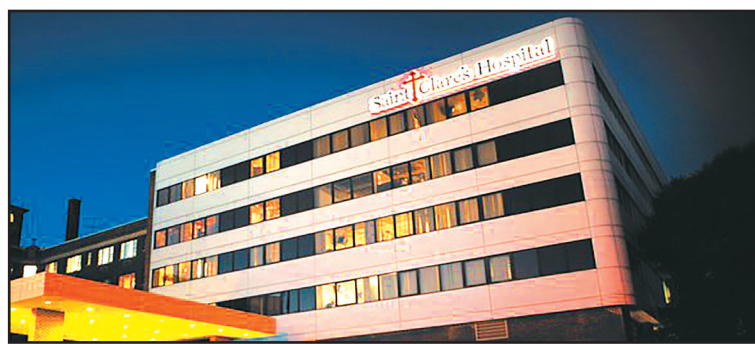


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One of the namesakes of the CCM nursing program's new scholarship worked at Dover General Hospital, now Dover St. Clare's.

Cathy Jo held their CCM alumni status with esteem.

"Gary and Cathy Jo attended CCM and Dominic and Catherine sought to provide a legacy in their children's honor," Brown said. "Catherine was a registered nurse at Dover General Hospital and took great pride in how the

nursing program has become one of the most sought after majors at CCM. Dominic and Catherine always viewed CCM as a philanthropic priority and in their planning for when they were no longer here; CCM was the place they knew their gift would have a lasting impact."

SATIRE

RANKING EVERY CAMPUS BATHROOM WITHOUT NUMBERS

BY MATTHEW
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The Youngtown Satirical Research Team has spent its summer vacation prepping for another semester of transformational copy and has tackled The County College of Morris’s most taboo of topics: bathrooms.

The team has wasted no effort in studying, collating, and interviewing the sum total of restrooms on CCM grounds to present our readership with what is to become the most treasured document on campus, a structured tour guide to the most remarkable bathrooms on campus.

Bathrooms will be ranked and rated subjectively according to their accessibility, level of upkeep, average traffic, and haunting index; for reasons of security, no numerical values will be given, and you will have to infer from the tone of the segment whether the bathroom in question is particularly great or an absolute derelict Port-a-John. For similar reasons, we have ensured that all

references to “Haunting Index” are editorially neutral and convey no consistent report on the superiority/otherwise of a given degree of occultery.

Leading the pack are the Horticultural Wing Restrooms, the first lavatories to have been deployed in Low Lot One Orbit, and purported to be among the finest in extraterrestrial hygienic accommodations. Whereas none of the Youngtown Satirical Researchers have been able to fund an expedition to the farthest regions of campus space, and as such we have no firsthand confirmation on whether or not these restrooms actually exist, our few and apocryphal intelligible reports from local joggers suggest that these facilities are lovely, quite spacious, untrafficked save for secretive Agro-Educational faction members and worrying bioautomation experiments, and generally solid, pleasant sanitation facilities. So long as you do not acknowledge the existence of, overgrown state of, or droning arrhythmic beeps emanating from Men’s Stall #3.

The latest expeditions to the

secondary lavatories- the tennis court wood cabin restrooms, proved less fruitful, but no less substantial to our understanding of the hygienic options available to the most remote sectors of our student body.

They are still being winterized just as they were during our last expedition during the December of 2017.

Ideally, the winterizing process will be completed sometime before winter this year, such as to safeguard the providence of basic sanitation for our dedicated winter squash team, the Morris County Jöttnar.

In the purview of legitimately accessible campus restrooms, the Satirical Research Team has managed to acquire confirmation from multiple professors that there are, in fact, restrooms on the third floor of the Multi-Hall Corridor, mostly in the form of professors arguing through the stall with our increasingly impatient staff members that the third-floor restrooms were not, in fact, accessible in the slightest, and that contributing to the abysmal

wait times of standard inter-corridor bathrooms was thoroughly preferable to trekking upstairs whenever the need arose. A crack squad of civil engineering majors was assembled to alleviate this problem by constructing an elevator to the third floor, followed shortly thereafter by a hyperloop between the three third-floor segments; following the near collapse of several support beams in the Cohen Cafeteria, the crack squad of civil engineers have been relieved of their duties and are awaiting court-martial; the elevator has been postponed in-

definitely.

Unfortunately, due to concerns of space and the Youngtown’s desperate need to conceal libel from an oncoming police raid, the Restroom Rankings segment will need to be split up, and will be ending for the moment very shortly. Given the frustrating topological state of the most notable restrooms on campus, we’ve reached out to a member of the Satirical Research Team to review for us a reliable alternative to use until our second airing:

“I mean, Student Center loos are pretty okay.”



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FENWICK’S PUZZLE: DOUBLE DOSE

Sometimes words can have more than one, very different, almost opposite meanings. Hidden in the clues, try to find the same word represented more than once.

1. An office fastener that helps to prune the hedges.
2. A food decoration that takes part of your wages.
3. This blocks from view the new movie presentation.
4. The repair of a botched neuter operation.
5. After you decorate the tree, this will help you cut it back.
6. The clothes that will quickly deteriorate.
7. This piece of fastening hardware will flee quickly!
8. Get the old clock ready for the end. (2 words)
9. The support for, and then temporarily stopping, the robbery. (2 words -- 3 times)

ANSWERS: 1. Clip Clip, 2. Garnish Garnish, 3. Screen Screen, 4. Fix Fix, 5. Trim Trim, 6. Wear Wear, 7. Bolt Bolt, 8. Wind-up Wind-up, 9. Hold-up Hold-up

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