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Community Night – Advice and Information

By: Madison Lilly

On March 23, East Hickman had its first ever Community Night where former students relayed advice and real-life experience tips to students beginning and continuing their high school careers. Rising freshman could explore the clubs, teams, and classes offered here at East Hickman.

Represented with tables and booths were the following: Spanish Club, Football, FFA, HOSA, Theatre, Star Teens, FBLA, Basketball, Choir, Band, Journalism, Advanced Placement courses (English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History), Art, Envirothon, UT extension, Family Consumer Career Leaders Of America (FCCLA), Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS), and Journalism.

Before the students toured the booths in the gymnasium, attendees watched a video presentation with interviews coordinated and compiled by Mr. Drew Smith, providing all attendees with advice from previous graduates throughout the high school's ten year existence.

Remarks and advice given by previous graduates targeted two groups: the graduates to be in 2017 and those students with more years left in their high school careers.

Angele Latham, from the class of 2016, talked about the expenses of college and how dealing with finances can be a struggle. "It's hard to learn where your boundaries are for money because there are so many expenses you have to consider. It is a lot of details you didn't know you needed to know." Patrick Latham, class of 2016, discussed the matter of paying for college by saying, "Paying for college is difficult sometimes. There is no shame in working if you are not able to pay for it."

Dacy Thomasson, class of 2013, reveals a problem which plagues many high school students when they begin college. "I did not know how to study... I realized... I needed to go find help on how to study." Kyla Hanner, class of 2013, also reiterates this point when asked the most important advice that she would give, "Knowing how to study. In high school, I never had to do that, I never had to hit the books...but here I've had to study." Ben Armstrong, class of 2015, conveys that he "learned that you need to go the lectures, you need to pay attention, and put up your phone for one hour, take notes, and listen. You will be doing so much better."

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FFA club booth at community night, March 23rd.

Boys Soccer Season: 16-4 School record

By: Elizabeth Gordon

Head coach Wendell Gordon continuously states how proud he is of the boys, and it is good to see them work together so well through the strong bond they share as a team. While Coach Gordon is very proud of them, he also states that he is "both happy and sad to see his eight seniors graduate after coaching most of them since their childhood."

At the beginning of the year, our EHHS male soccer team was ranked seventh nationally by MaxPreps. Also, during the week of the away game on March 24th against the Hickman County Bulldogs, Taylor Krebs was

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Soccer seniors

Photo courtesy of Victoria Gordon Photography

The Special Olympics

By: Elizabeth Gordon

On the sunny Friday morning of April 14, 2017, the annual Special Olympics was hosted here at East Hickman High School. The Special Olympics program is organized by Brenda Pfeiffer to allow students in all Hickman County schools, independent athletes, and members of the Impact Center with special needs to participate in contests during school. Every year, either EHHS or HCHS lends a hand by hosting

Impact Center bravely recited the pledge of allegiance followed by a heart touching performance of the national anthem. Throughout the day, there were participants from each school and center competing in races such as the wheelchair race, 50 meter walk, 50 meter run, and the 100 meter run. After each race, the participants were rewarded with ribbons signifying their finishing place. After the races, there were other events including a horseshoe game, softball throw, and standing long jump.

After completing, all of

At Me” was played as everyone held hands while some danced and sang.

Everyone participated in the Hokey Pokey as friends and family gathered, laughed, and danced with each other. The winners of the t-shirt contest, and the winners of the sign contest, EHHS and HCHS, were announced as the games came to an end.

The Special Olympics is an event organized by volunteers interested in having a day for special needs children and adults

in our county to just have fun. By having a special needs family member, I am privileged to see the happy faces and smiles of those who participated in the games, and I am thankful to Brenda Pfeiffer, the volunteers, the sponsors, and our school for organizing and hosting The Special Olympics. I can say from a personal point of view that they had lots of fun and are thankful for this day dedicated to them. I hope that we continue to have the Special Olympics in our county.



the event during at the school and providing volunteers to help set up and run the games. The Special Olympics started off with an opening ceremony march around the track with the participants showcasing their t-shirt and sign designs. Brenda Pfeiffer then gave a speech about the effort put into organizing the event.

The volunteers from the

the competitors were kindly provided with pizza, chips, and drinks by the local sponsors: Hickman Civitan, Jr. Civitan Clubs, The ARC, Pizza Hut, Dr. Regina Elkins, Jane Herron, and State Farm Insurance. After lunch, everyone, including participants, teachers, volunteers, students, and families gathered in a circle on the football field as Mark Wills’ song “ Don’t Laugh

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Basketball Achievements

By: Peyton Couch

Basketball here at EHHS drew more attention from the student body and subsequently, more student turnout than in recent years.

Tatum Gribbins and Ethan Keller reached their 1,000 career point in the season, with Gribbins having 1,060 and Keller with 1,209 by season's end. This is a school first in the ten years the school has been open.

The boys came out with a 10 to 16 win/loss record, and the girls with a 20 to 12 win/loss. Head coaches Andrew Greer and Nick Simmons give their insight on this season.

Although the season started strong, Coach Greer did have higher expectations for the boys than what turned out; although, he did have a lot of fun watching Ethan reach his milestone. Simmons stated that the girl's season was exciting and brought a lot of great victories.

In his regards to the boy's start, Greer says, "We started off pretty strong, even beating the top teams, Camden and Montgomery, eventually placing third." Greer recounts that his favorite moment in the season was when Ethan Keller scored his thousandth point at Camden Central, December 6th.

Simmons states some great facts about the girls' season including the following: Named in the All-District 11AA Team were Olivia Martin and Alli

Crumpler, named to the All-District Tournament Team were Tatum Gribbins and Olivia Martin. Additionally, the girls' team experienced the first twenty win season in program history and the first tournament championship win with the York Southeastern Invitational Championship (a championship they will return and defend next season).

Greer states that the best quality for a ball player to have is "work ethic because talent only takes you so far." This same commitment to hard work has awarded basketball scholarships to both Tatum Gribbins and Olivia Martin at Martin Methodist and Chattanooga State respectively.



Fisher Newcomb fights for control of the ball.

EHHS FFA State Recognition

By: Charis Waters



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Recently, the East Hickman Future Farmers of America gained state recognition during the 2017 Tennessee FFA State Convention which was held in Gatlinburg from March 26th-29th. Mr. Flowers, the FFA sponsor, attended the state convention with his students, which, of the following, received awards: Jay Colon, Jared Deal, and Evan Pendergrass (pictured bottom row, left to right). They were awarded their FFA state degrees, which is the highest level of recognition and prestige offered at the state level. Other members, Hunter Capps, Katelyn Turner, Aleah Frazier, Charis Waters, and Alaina Frazier (top row left to right) attended the convention meetings which involved passing Tennessee FFA amendments and represented the East Hickman chapter as FFA state delegates.

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Some former high school graduates have returned back to college after pursuing other ventures. Dylan Brewer, class of 2011, relates the experience of traveling in a band and working prior to going to college. "I had to do a ton of studying before even starting college." However, his greatest success after graduation has been to maintain a 3.5 GPA upon his return to college.

Matt Graham, class of 2009, addressed the students with more years of high school ahead. He discussed the difficulties of friendship outside of high school. "Cultivating friends

outside of high school wasn't as easy. Outside of high school, you don't have to spend an allotted amount of time with someone. It's harder to forge that kind of bond." Jerick Beard, class of 2015, advised students to slow down, to not be stressed in high school, and to participate in the things that interest them the most. Angele Latham stated her opinion about the importance of AP and Honors classes. "Honors and AP were extremely helpful for me... I learned to balance how hard it was going to be."

After watching the video and posing questions, the Class of 2021, other students, and parents were dismissed to the gymnasium to speak with the clubs. The night was overall a

success. Parents, teachers and students enjoyed the event, and it gave the class of 2017 the opportunity to 'pass on the torch' to the next freshmen, continuing the cycle of reaching out to help those that are coming behind.

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recognized as the high school player of the week by MaxPreps for Tennessee NSCAA. However, Taylor Krebs was not the only player acknowledged by MaxPreps; Dylan Gianakos was twelfth in assists, Hunter Walker was fifteenth in goals, Bailey Krebs was thirty-ninth in assists, and Taylor Krebs was also fortieth in goals. Coaches from opposing teams mentioned how skilled and hardworking many of the players

are. Varsity goalie Eli McCrory and star defender Joseph Gordon have received many of these comments.

Throughout the season, many of the seniors, juniors, and even sophomores on the team have been recognized by the state, other coaches, and even nationally, for their great teamwork and amazing achievements in the sport. Freshman players have a high expectation to live up to.

This season was the greatest in our ten year boys' soccer history here at EHHS. While they unfortunately did not make it further than third in the championship, the team had many personal accomplishments, as well as those that brought them together as a team.

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Rouge One: A Star Wars Story

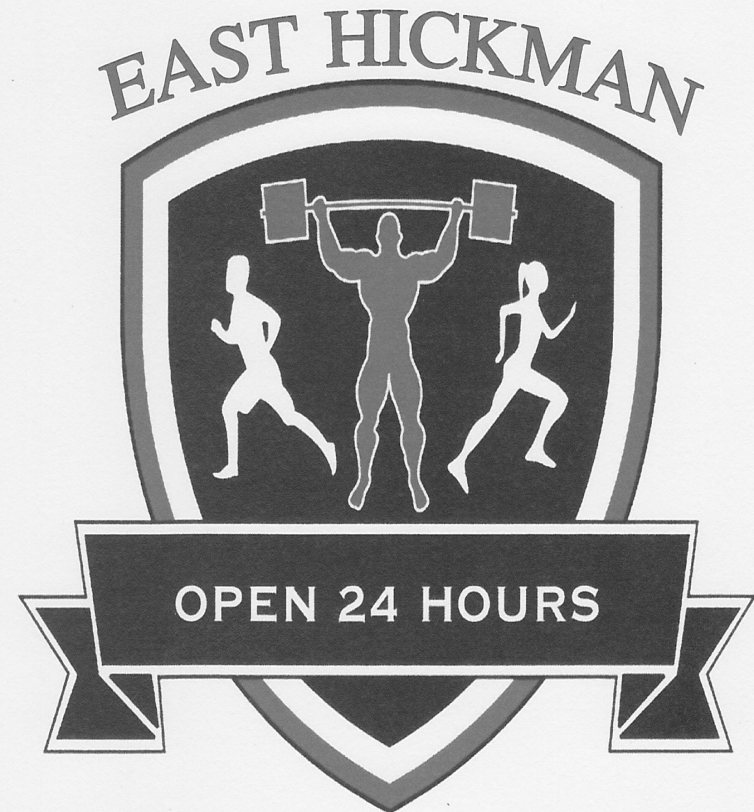
By: Randy Meadows

Since the first release of *Star Wars* in 1977, the 121 minute masterpiece has taken the world by storm and from it has developed a franchise that shaped culture. It could have been assumed that *Revenge of the Sith* would be the last installment in the series in 2005, given that this made a six episode series featuring Anakin Skywalker's rise and fall as he became the iconic Darth Vader, the story was seemingly complete. However, in 2012 Disney purchased Lucasfilm for \$4.05 billion with the promise to produce more films. Long time fans were concerned for the new direction of the series, but their worries were mostly washed away with the release of *The Force Awakens*. It was the fastest film to gross \$1 billion in history, which took twelve days, the biggest worldwide opening weekend, and biggest weekend gross, reaching \$529 million, making it the highest-grossing *Star Wars* film to date. These statistics gave *Rouge One* a hard standard to live up to. Disney had promised six installments since their purchase of Lucasfilm, two of which are released and the third, *The Last Jedi*, is scheduled to release this December.

Rouge One takes place in the conflicted time frame between *Revenge of the Sith* and *A New Hope*, during the unfortunate rise of the empire short after the Jedi order was destroyed. The world is oppressed and the Rebellion is

nothing more than a band of thugs with good intentions. This story follows the secretive life of Jyn Erso, who has a personal vendetta against the empire, committing vigilante acts against that land her in prison. Cassian Andor is willing to do whatever it takes to support his rebellion, regardless if this means he has to kill his teammates or put the innocent at risk; he makes everything an act of business to meet his objectives. Jyn is saved by Cassian and his reprogrammed imperial droid, K2SO. Together, these two washed up heroes try to piece together what is left and refine the rebel alliance, giving the galaxy hope against the empire and their iconic planet destroyer known as the Death Star. The 133 minute film shows the struggle and the despair the alliance faced to become the actual threat to the empire shown in the release of the first *Star Wars* movie.

Unlike previous films, the Skywalker family is not our point of focus, The movie doesn't fit the normal agenda of the franchise, taking a new turn to show the conflict behind the scenes of the good vs evil themes. The movie didn't receive as much love as previous films, scoring an 8/10 average for most critics; however it never fails to be a satisfying *Star Wars* film, keeping viewers engaged and attached to its characters from front to back in a movie full of surprises.



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The Nintendo Switch has launched!

By: Peyton Couch

The new Nintendo system ships with 32GB of internal storage, which is pretty low for a gaming console, but takes a fresh look at modern designs and adds a bit of that the switch allows external SD cards up to two terabytes of storage, which is equivalent to an impression on almost every child since the 80's. This time, the console takes aspects from software, the system itself sports a portable gaming and then utilizes very solid build quality through all advantage. The switch does a handheld, and tabletop. This good job at this by providing makes for a very fun and sturdy really stellar and vibrant looking experience with the Switch and visuals with their big launch lays the groundwork for a great game, "The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild." Hopefully, through updates and patches, it will be

The idea of portable gaming and console gaming that this moment it feels like the public the Switch offers seems great, and should've held off on getting it to many it is, but there are some until these patches are integrated. glaring issues that hinder the The system shows incredible overall experience. Design flaws promise and should keep on include the plastic screen being growing until it reaches what easy to scratch, software issues, Nintendo has in its sights for the and the kickstand popping off too Switch. often, making it easy to lose. The



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Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild

By: Alex Thomas

Nintendo's latest taken after a grievous injury left installment on the *Legend of Zelda* you nearly dead. Upon waking up, series came in the form of a you must develop more strength massive, open world game. throughout the game in order to "Breath of the Wild" came out for eventually finish the main both Wii U and Nintendo Switch storyline. This installment took a on March 3rd, receiving massive unique turn on the series by sales and a great number of allowing you to finish many accolades. The game got different questlines in any order overwhelming views by almost all you want, all at your own pace critiques, the lowest being a 97% with an open world feeling. on *Metacritic*, and the highest being a great many perfect scores on sites such as *IGN*, *Trusted Reviews*, and *Gamespot*.

The game brought about a whole new form of mobility never before seen in a *Zelda* game. This, combined with a massive map is a rare combination not often seen in video games. The three-dimensional movement combined with free fighting potential creates a customizable game where you choose how to survive and thrive. Be it through stealth or high speed combat, it is all up to you.

The game begins with you waking up in a preservation chamber where you had been

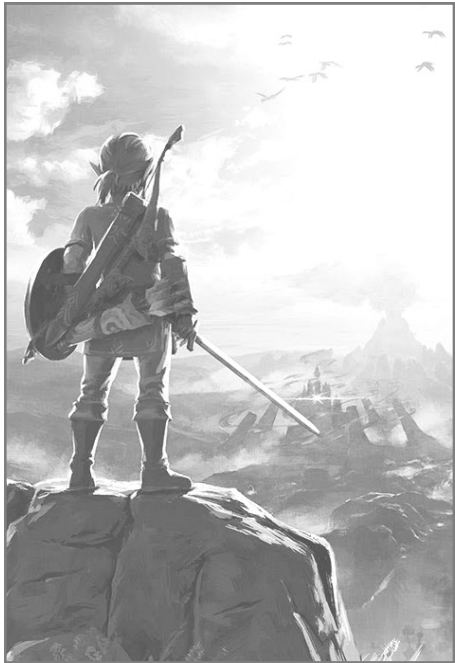


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‘Universal’ sized expansions

By: Jon Pruett

Universal studios and Disneyland are two of the most visited theme parks in the world, but the key to keeping any theme park on the map is innovation. Theme parks are known all around for their particular, “theme,” hence the name, but the one thing they all have in common is the constant battle to refresh the experience. Soon however, both Universal Studios and Disneyland will be unveiling two new large scale attractions that will send families flooding in, reviews through the roof, and the buzz about the parks into media attention.

In 2010 when Universal studios unveiled Skull Island: Reign of Kong, released on July 13th of 2016, it exceeded expectations, keeping Universal fresh for another year. This year, a new project called Nintendo Land will be added to resorts in Orlando, Japan, and Hollywood. Late last year, Universal announced partnership with Nintendo, creating a media buzz concerning the intent of this new

partnership. On its blog, Universal said the lands “will be expansive, immersive, and interactive. They’ll be highly themed and authentic environments filled with multiple attractions, shops and restaurants. You’ll feel as if you’re playing inside your favorite games — in real life.”

Disneyland has come to be known quite amicably as “the happiest place on earth”. It’s the biggest theme park to date, which is no surprise considering Disney’s monopoly of other companies, including Lucasfilm and Marvel. Towards the end of last year, during their quarterly conference call Bob Iger, CEO, announced the release of Pandora: The world of Avatar. Iger told analysts that Pandora in Disney’s Animal Kingdom is “the biggest new land we’ve opened in Florida in a very long time. We really believe in the coming years the interest in Avatar is only going to grow as those movies enter the marketplace.”



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I, Montana Bates, being of sassy mind and body, leave my cosmetology station and attitude to Allie Martin and Maegan Rainey. I leave a box of strawberry Pop-tarts to Scruggs.

I, Cora Hall, leave all of my great high school memories and my ability to cheat my way through hard classes to my brother Ellis Hall.

I, Kayla Gray, being of sound mind and sound body, leave nothing because I only like myself.

I, Brian Baker, being of sound mind and sound body, leave my poor life choices to the school, and my experiences here and my parking space to my brother, Jeremiah.

I, Sky Black, being of sound mind and sound body, leave nothing to nobody.

I, Peyton R. Couch, being of pretty sound mind and kinda sound body, leave my extensive video game collection to Grantley Waters.

I, Steven E. Nolen, being of tired mind and battered body leave the late nights, stress, and hours of homework to Kagan Patton.

I, River Goins, being of sound mind and sound body, leave my best dressed qualities and good vibes to Brittney Shepard, and Mackenzie Campaine.

I, Jared Bustard, being of experienced mind and an 18 year old body, leave all good and bad experiences in high school to all of the underclassmen.

I, Kamden Kimberling, leave my positive attitude and determination to my brother Luke Kimberling.

I, Ronnie Lee Ziemann, leave my Auto-Mechanical skills to Alex Beasley.

I, Victoria Powell, leave my smartness and personality to Levi Powell.

I, Terre Thomasson, leave my ability to make it

through high school without losing to Leah Frazier.

I, Alexander Leonidas Thomas, leave my good health and the sanity I have left to the EHHS Eagle's Eye. May it be a light in the darkness to guide you to Valhalla. Also, cash me outside, how bow dah.

I, Dalton Thomasson, leave "I don't know I've never done this before." - Riley Qualls

I, Christina Carroll, leave my heart to Matthew Scates. I leave my memories and love to Abbigayle Taylor. I also leave my amazing laugh to the band.

I, Crystal Marie Cervantes, leave all my great memories

I, Tatum Gribbins, leave my great memories to Alli Crumpler, Savannah Holt, Camryn Shanes, Colton Williams, Luke Hirshbrunner, and Cody Lunn, and my basketball memories to my girls (basketball team).

I, Amanda Gerald, leave the good memories and fun times I had being a football manager to Samantha McCandless. I'm gonna miss you.

I, Cameron Woodard, leave behind this advice: open your mind before your mouth, for nothing is trivial. Make a difference, do not just fill a grave.

I, Ethan Seiber, leave all the ACTs, SATs, MITs, and exasperating homework assignments to the next generations of eager students.

I, Charis Waters, leave my passion for learning, patience, and my passing grade in geometry to Grantley Waters.

I, Bailey Krebs, leave my knees to Mr. Smith (Papi), intelligence to my brother Taylor, and my soccer skills to Dylan Gianakos.

I, Courtney Campaine, leave my softball skills to Makenzie Campaine and Tazia Bethke.



to Robin Castleberry and James Scruggs. I also leave all the great memories of being a football manager to Samantha McCandless.

I, Hunter Walker, give my soccer skills and humor to Seth Carter and my logic to Andrew Smith.

I, Dillon Graves, leave my coffee cups to Mr. Smith and leave my straight verts to Taylor Krebs and Cole Keller.

I, Taylor Mayberry, leave behind my journalism computer to Randy Meadows, Leah Tidwell, and Madison Lilly, my anime/art love to Grantley Waters, and my craziness to Ashton Barber and Jeremiah.

I, Morgan Stinson, leave all my germs to Mr. Smith.

I, Faith Matheny, leave everything behind to Ellis Hall.

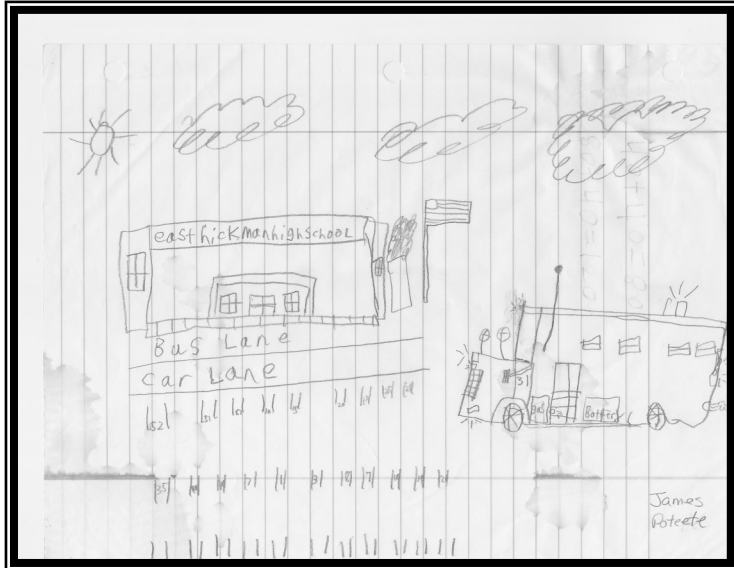
I, Daniel Myers, leave my ability to skip school and going fishing without getting caught to Luke Hirshbrunner.

I, Blane Littleton, leave behind memories of unforgettable friendships and the best experience that was high school, to the rising seniors.

I, Presley Ratliff, leave my overwhelming love for novels to Aleah Frazier and my ability to listen to Stevie Nicks nonstop to Alaina Frazier.

I, Madison Newhouse, leave all the good memories to Bryan Thomas, and I hope everyone has the courage to chase their dreams no matter how distant they seem.

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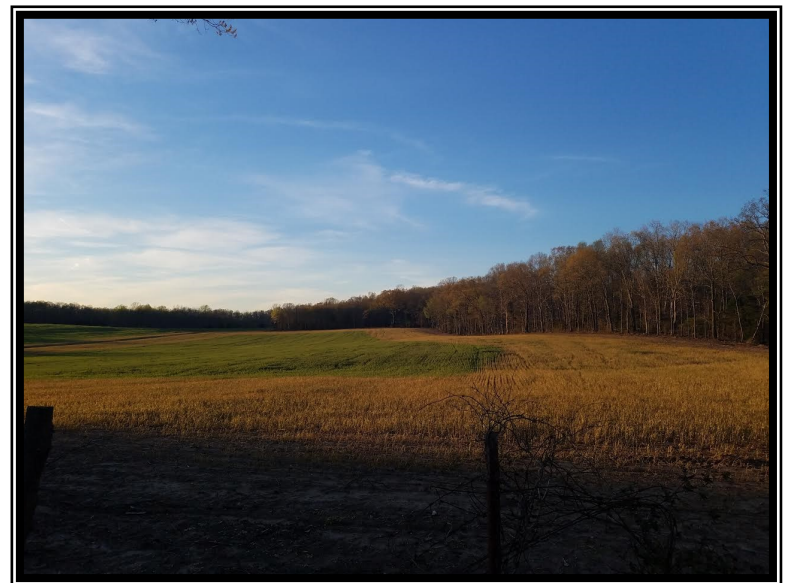
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