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Miss HCHS Queen and Court: Jenna Byassee, Ann Marie White (Queen), Bailey Childress, Meadow Sowell, Julie Robinson, and Abbey Bellew. (Photo courtesy Cassidy Spillman)



Ann Marie White was crowned Miss HCHS Saturday night at the annual pageant. (Photo Cassidy Spillman)

HCES to have new playground area & equipment; parking spaces to be moved and added elsewhere

By GAYE BENCINI

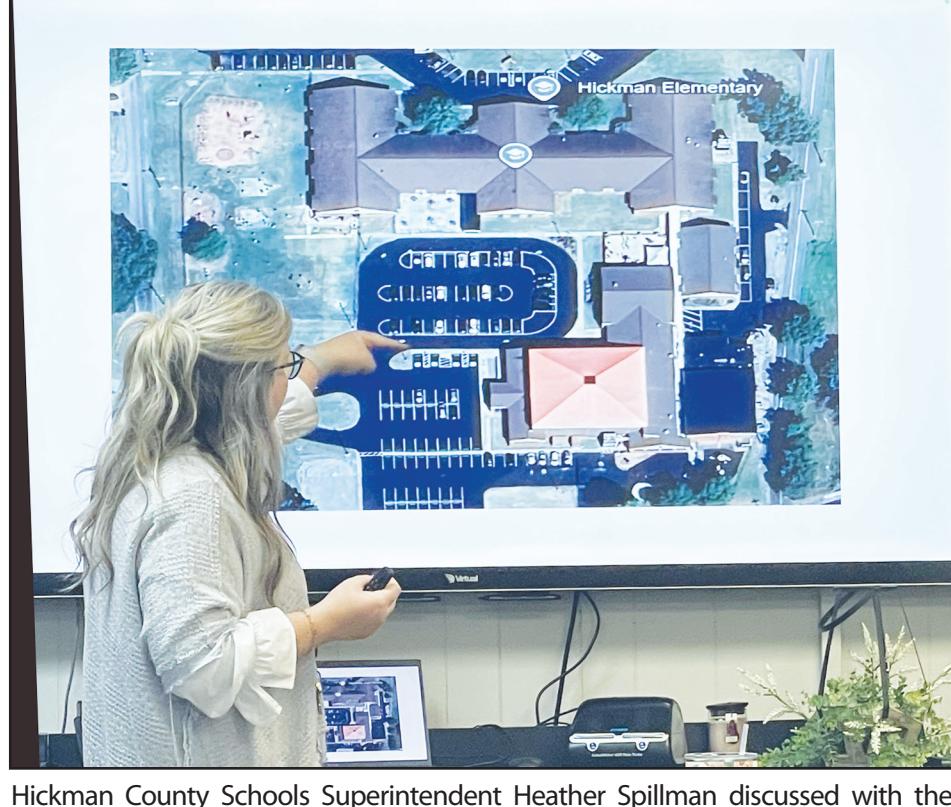
The Hickman County Board of Education met in special session Wednesday, Oct. 29 in the board office. Present were Superintendent Heather Spillman, Finance Officer Kim Wilson; Board Members Matt Hicks, Matt Latham, Clint Kimball, Stephanie Grubbs, and Caleb Deweese; Principals Jeff Boaz and Tiffany Ray; Preschool Director Christel Nall; Director of Pupil Personnel Shane Bizzle; School Resource Officer and Trap Team Coach Michael Bartimus; Trap Team student representatives Lawson Hardy, Hunter Feezor, Lucas Walker, and family members; and Gaye Bencini.

The Hickman County Board of Education voted Wednesday night, Oct. 29, to approve the equipment purchase, installation, and turf for a new playground area at HCES.

The playground will be located in the area of the current teachers' parking lot (to the left of the circle loop that faces the gym entrance) and near the school building. The GaGa pit and red spinner equipment will be moved from the existing playground.

"It's hard to plan a playground for K-6," Spillman said. She met with teachers for input, and they came up with a design that includes sensory and musical items as well as the new equipment on which students can play. Two basketball goals will be included but won't be located on the turf part. There will be benches attached to tables for outdoor classroom space. This has been determined by the state to be a safer area for the playground to be located.

The parking spaces that will be lost to the new playground will be added to the grassy areas that extend from the current



Hickman County Schools Superintendent Heather Spillman discussed with the board of education Wednesday night the new playground area planned for HCES. (Photo by Gaye Bencini)



Some Hickman Co. Trap Team Representatives were invited to the Hickman County Board of Education October meeting: L-R- Hunter Feezor, Lucas Walker, Coach Bart, and Lawson Hardy. (Photo by Gaye Bencini)

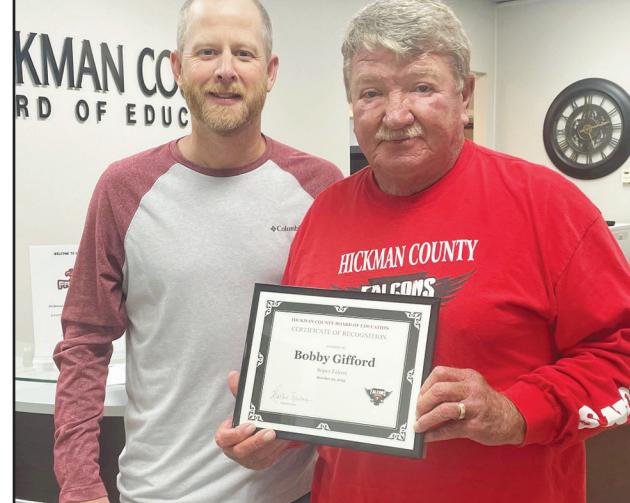
parking lot.

Student drop off and pick up will be at the elementary gym door area with a larger traffic swing to keep traffic flowing better.

Following board approval Wednesday night, the equipment was ordered and work can begin in May as soon as kids are out of school.

Some of the good equipment in the current playground will be auctioned off. The current playground will be a grassy area.

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Board Member Matt Latham was the presenter for the October Super Falcon recognition. The honor went to Golf Coach Bobby Gifford. (Photo by Gaye Bencini)

Tosh Farms to employ around 15 at new semi-trailer washing facility in Clinton

By GAYE BENCINI

Clinton City Council met in regular session Monday, Nov. 6 at 5 p.m. at Clinton City Hall. Present were Mayor John Kelly, Council Members Wynetta Dillard, Betty Morrow, Laura Poole, Jerry Rushing, and Jerome Jenkins; Clerk Kaitlin Wilson; Chief Tom Dickson; Attorney Heather Johnson; and visitors Judge/Exec. Kenny Wilson; Steve Ward; Troy Carter; Brent

Stinent with Tosh Farms; Cory Damron with New Commonwealth Natural Gas; Mike Clark; Phyllis Campbell; and Gaye Bencini.

The Clinton City Council was in agreement Monday night to look into pursuing, with Tosh Farms and New Commonwealth Natural Gas, a gas line extension to the Tosh Farms property on Hwy. 51 N they pur-

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The Halloween Parade had little beauties like this as well as the scary themed entries! (Photo/Gaye Bencini)



This Disney themed entry netted a Best in Parade win at the Hickman Co. Halloween Parade.

Parade Winners Announced

The 2025 Clinton-Hickman County Halloween Parade was hosted by the Clinton-Hickman County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Clinton, Friday, Oct. 31.

Winners:

Baby/Toddlers Category, sponsored by Workman Consulting: 1st Place- Maggie Jo Armbruster; 2nd Place- Vivi Vaught; 3rd Place- Campbell Wright.

Prettiest Category, Sponsored by Nutrien Ag: 1st Place- Ivy Rose Alexander; 2nd Place- Nora Barnett; 3rd Place- Ella Risner.

Funniest Category, sponsored by Infinity Salon by Christy Kimbell: 1st

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