

IMAGINE HILLSBORO CHECKS IN • by Lucas Altenberger

Imagine Hillsboro Moves Into Summer



Welcome back to Imagine Hillsboro Checks In. If this is your first time joining us, welcome! This column features a bi-monthly update regarding all things Imagine Hillsboro.

Tuesday, May 31, you can purchase one of these cards to help fund community projects. The gas station that raises the most money will be offering a full-service gas station for a given day in June.

Central Park's new playground equipment is expected to be ready for use by fall of 2022. The inclusive playground equipment will be able to encompass a wide variety of motor and sensory needs.

Imagine Hillsboro is hosting a fundraiser on Monday, June 13. Similar to the parks committee recent fundraiser, we'll be serving up lunch in the Carlinville National Bank parking lot.

The education committee is in the process of disseminating a survey to our local teachers and support staff. This quick survey is intended to discover how we can best help our teachers - whether that be through donating time, supplies, or money.

More website updates are now live! Each subcommittee (Central Park, bikes, and bicentennial) now has a dedicated page on the site. Furthermore, there are several pages on the site with details about the Hillsboro Concert Series.

Have you joined our mobile app? Download the Wix Spaces app and use code 9FF87W to join. You'll have access to announcements, event registration, and more.

Last weekend, Imagine Hillsboro hosted the 2022 Father-Daughter Princess Ball. The Event Center of Montgomery County was graced with no shortage of royalty, and even some guest appearances from fairy tale princesses.

The Farmers Market season is in full swing. Every first and third Saturday, from now until September, you can visit the Lincoln Square from 9 a.m. to noon to discover locally-grown produce, delicious snacks, beauty products, and handmade clothing and decorative items.

In addition to recent cleanup days, the events committee has also been working on beautifying downtown Hillsboro with freshly-planted flowers. On Wednesday, March 18, volunteers gathered at the Lincoln Plaza to plant seasonal blooms.

There's still time to purchase \$1 and \$5 donation cards at local gas stations. Until

GUEST COLUMN • by Joplin Hartman

Hartman Shares Faith In Life Essay

Pastor's Note: Attached is this year's Faith In Life essay that was selected to receive this year's Hillsboro Ministerial Fellowship award. It was written by Joplin Hartman. Graduating seniors are encouraged to spend time pondering how their faith in God has positively impacted their life as they come to this significant time in their life.

Going through such a great loss was hard on my whole family. We have always been super close and even though we could talk to each other, I didn't want to talk to God. Over time however, I felt the need to go back to youth group. It was like something was pulling me back. It was both exciting and nerve-racking to go back to church.

Growing up in a small town, I loved attending church and youth group. When I was little, I saw youth group as a fun way to hang out with my friends and learn about Jesus.

Though I did believe in God at that age, I didn't really know what I believed about him and his place in my life. At that time I saw him more as a friend or teacher, and I didn't know him fully.

All through elementary school and junior high, I continued to spend time in youth group and Bible quizzing, but when something happened in my life that challenged my faith, I shut down and completely pushed it away.

During this time, I quit going to youth group and I distanced myself from church, friends, and God. I felt like it was unfair that I had to go through something as difficult as losing a parent when almost everyone I knew only had to worry about homework and football games.

Since my relationship with God wasn't strong, it was easy for me to get angry at him because I felt like he didn't care about me.

After spending time talking to one of my youth leaders about everything I had been through and my struggles with God, I felt a wave of relief wash over me. I realized that it was okay to have big feelings about the big questions.

After that conversation, I came back to youth group full time and spent my summers working at church camp. When I look back now I understand that God wasn't punishing my family, and I realize as I've grown in my faith that the people that we lose aren't suffering anymore and get to finally go to heaven.

Now my faith is stronger than ever and I've found that my experiences help me connect with other people that are going through tough times.

I believe that God is working through me to help others work through these big questions to better understand God and his love for us. This community and my family have helped me thrive and realize that no matter what you go through, God does not give up on you.

LETTERS to the editor

Packing Court Against Spirit Of Constitution

In reply to Emily England's letter, she wishes to push the progressive agenda by packing the Supreme Court.

The nine-person Supreme Court has been in existence for 153 years. The only time someone attempted to pack the court to get the opinions it wanted (constitutional or unconstitutional) was in 1937 when FDR attempted it.

Packing the court to get the decisions you want goes against the spirit of the Constitution. I believe the courts should rule base upon the meaning of the Constitution, not political affiliation.

Ms. England stated that the purpose of packing the

court was because in her view "it has been taken over by a super-majority that holds extreme views."

I know she thinks the court is majority conservative, but that isn't true. Supreme Court Justice Roberts is no conservative, he is liberal. Why else would he re-write Obama Care to say the penalties for not having insurance was a tax when Obama's administration strongly argued it wasn't a tax?

If a progressive-liberal-socialist and, yes, even Marxist position isn't extreme, what is? If you believe in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, then you realize that the "progressive"

movement is really an effort to move our country to be government centered and not individual centered. The purpose of government is not to dictate to its citizens but to protect individual rights. The leaked draft opinion on abortion clearly states that abortion is not a right guaranteed under the Constitution and because it is so controversial it should be left to each state per Amendment 10 of the Constitution.

Each state's citizens either through their elected representatives at the state or through a state referendum should decide the abortion issue for the citizens of their state. This is a sound Constitutional argument.

Life, Liberty, And the Pursuit Of Happiness

The Constitution ensures "life," liberty, and the pursuit of happiness!

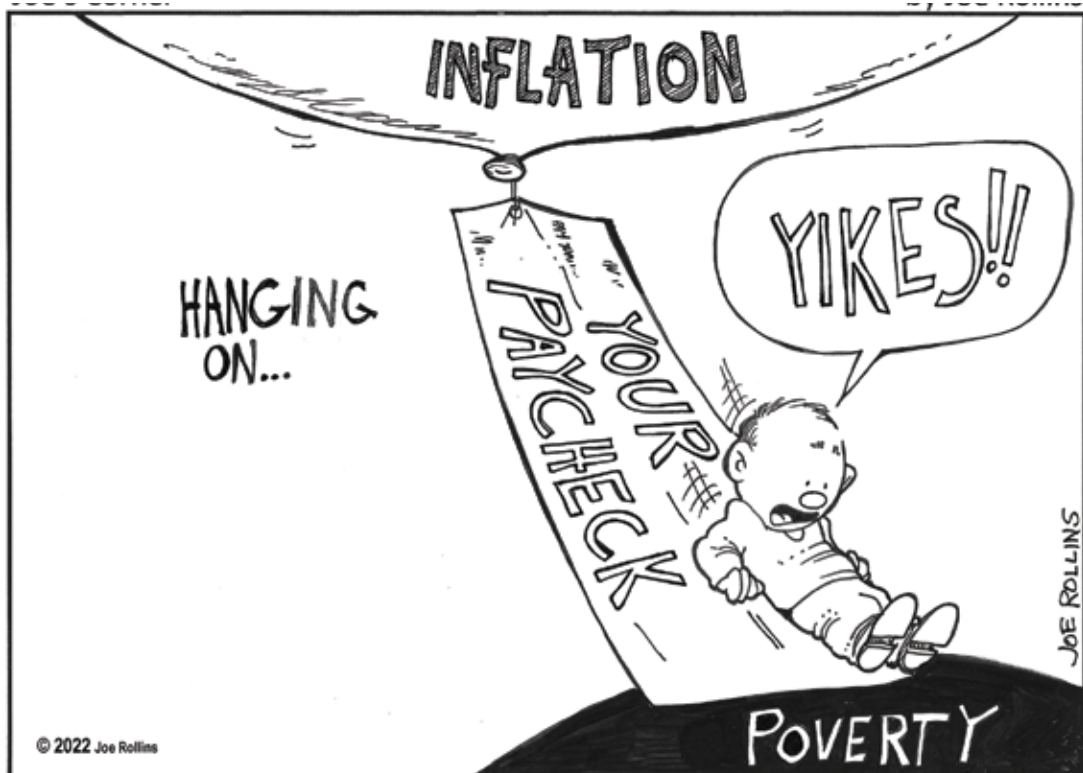
Our forefathers who wrote the Constitution would be rolling in their graves. No-

where in the Constitution says a woman has a right to abortion. It does guarantee a right to life.

The Supreme Court's responsibility is to follow the

Constitution. Roe v. Wade then needs to be overturned because abortion is not a constitutional right.

Barbara Jagosh Hillsboro



MONDAY EVENING

MAY 23, 2022

Table of TV programming for Monday Evening, May 23, 2022. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and various channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) with program titles and ratings.

TUESDAY EVENING

MAY 24, 2022

Table of TV programming for Tuesday Evening, May 24, 2022. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and various channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) with program titles and ratings.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

MAY 25, 2022

Table of TV programming for Wednesday Evening, May 25, 2022. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and various channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) with program titles and ratings.