

The area from the railroad trestle on West Clay Street to the former tennis court shown far right was property donated to the city by the Mills family. (Photo/Gaye Bencini)

Public hearing planned for June 12 concerning possible pickleball court grant

A public hearing will be held at Clinton City Hall on Thursday, June 12 at 11 a.m. as part of the grant application process for the city to transform the former Mills property into a pickleball court. The dilapidated tennis courts would be removed and replaced.

If approved, the cost to the city could be \$1,500 of the total project cost of \$150,000.

The Mills family donated the property to the city several years ago.

At one time it was the site of Westside Swimming Pool. A 1958 article stated the pool had a diving board, 10 ft. of water in the deep end, and was 35' x 75' long.

The pool and a grocery were operated by Elbert Rhey Mills in 1946, until his death at age 82 in 1976. Other family continued to operate the pool and grocery for years afterward.

The pool is thought to have been closed to the public in the late 1980s.

Whether the grant application is approved and the project is funded remains to be seen but the mention of the property invokes memories for many of times past.

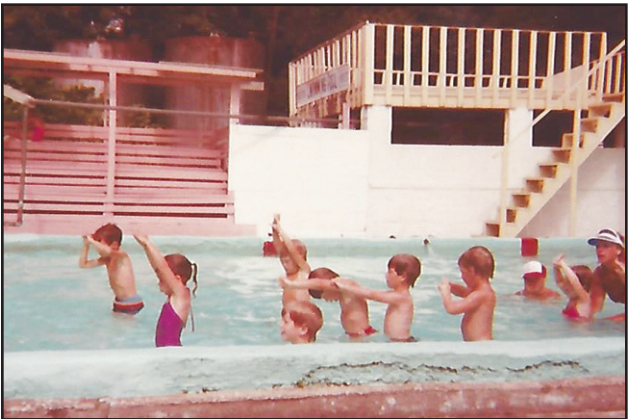
We share a few photos this week courtesy Ron Mills of the grocery and pool.



Mills Westside Station, Clinton, Ky. (Photo courtesy Ron Mills)



The current concrete pad of the former tennis court will be removed and a new pickleball court installed if the grant application is approved.



Swimming lessons at Mills Pool (Photo courtesy Ron Mills)

City begins part of grant application for park area and pickleball court

If approved, city's part could be \$1,500

By GAYE BENCINI

Clinton City Council met in regular session Monday night, June 2 at Clinton City Hall. Present were Mayor John Kelly; Council Members Betty Morrow, Laura Poole, Tommy Kimbro, Jerry Rushing and Jerome Jenkins; Clerk Kaitlin Wilson; Attorney Heather Johnson; a representative with the Purchase Area Development District; and

visitors Phyllis Campbell, Dora Spates, Louveta Mason, Cindy Smith; Kenny Wilson, and Gaye Bencini.

Monday evening, the Clinton City Council at first voted against passage of a grant application resolution to renovate the previous tennis courts into a new pickleball court and a park area. This would be

on the West Clay Street property donated a few years back by the Mills family.

A representative with the Purchase Area Development District explained that the city could apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, and a resolution needed to be passed by the city for the application to be submitted by

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Madison Mayes was out for a drive in her jeep last Thursday in Clinton! ( Photo by Gaye Bencini)

Free garden vegetables available at Golden Gardens and a new free seed library at Hickman County Library allows folks to plant their own!

By GAYE BENCINI

On Thursday, May 29, Golden Gardens had greens, carrots and beets, as produce is beginning to come in and be placed on the stand for anyone who wants some- for free. The collard greens didn't make it, but the mustard and turnip greens did. On Friday afternoon, the Alamo hybrid turnip greens remained.

Sometimes it's hard to wrap our minds around free, with no catch, but that's exactly what it means.

Golden Gardens, established in 2023 by Austin and Kelly Terry at the corner of College and East Jackson Streets in Clinton, continues to be a place where produce is grown and placed in the large stand near the drive to the gardens. A donation box is in the stand for anyone who would like to give to the cause, but payment is not required.

Next to the produce

stand is a little free library with books for anyone who would like to take some to read.

Hickman County Library Director Laura Poole is thrilled with a new, beautiful piece of furniture donated by the Terrys, which stands about three feet tall in the Hickman County Memorial Library that serves as a "seed library." It has pull-out drawers filled with packets of seeds, and like the produce, are also free for the taking.

The seeds range from flower, pumpkin, spinach, okra, corn, pole beans, and more.

Lilly Poole, Laura's daughter, showed the brown envelopes that may be used if someone doesn't need all the seeds in the original packet. They can simply pour what they need into the brown envelope, write on it what kind they are, and take it with them.

Austin Terry has placed a ledger with the seed

library to keep up with inventory. Anyone is welcome to add to the seed library if they choose.

Poole said she was thrilled when Austin Terry texted her about the seed library idea.

"It's something I was wanting to do, and he had the furniture piece, delivered it, and it fits perfectly in its spot," she said.

Golden Gardens is open 24/7.

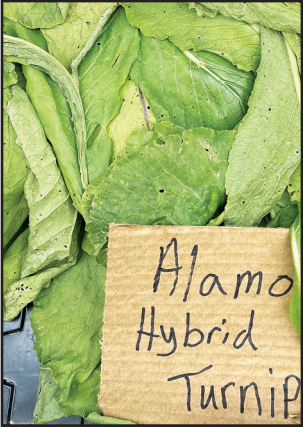
The Hickman County Memorial Library is open Tuesday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 2-5 p.m. and on Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. It is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Austin Terry was recognized by the Hickman County Chamber of Commerce in March as Citizen of the Year for his Golden Gardens Community Service.

It is named after Kelly Terry's grandparents, Karleen Golden and the late Larry Golden.



Austin Terry has placed this piece of furniture, about three feet tall, at the Hickman County Memorial Library and filled it with seed packets for anyone wanting free seeds to plant.



Turnip greens were some of the latest free for the taking items at the Golden Gardens vegetable stand.

