



Gibson EMC currently sits across from the area at the Enterprise Park Property in Clinton that is being developed for a Business Commerce Center. The photos are from a Riley Architect video shown to the Hickman County Industrial Development Authority Board last Thursday of how the commerce center would look.

# HCIDA shown architect’s video of what business commerce center could look like at Enterprise Park

The Hickman County Industrial Development Authority Board, Inc., met for their regularly scheduled quarterly meeting on Thursday, July 16 at 8 a.m. at the Hickman County Judge/Executive’s Office. Present were Board Chair Teresa Dowdy, Board Members Mattea Mitchell, Tommy Roberts, Ethan Cunningham, Rick Canty, Mike Grimmitt, Kory Naranjo, Kenny Wilson; and Don Riley and Sydney Pajor of Riley Architect Services, based in Mayfield, Ky.

The HCIDA continues plans for the business commerce center at Enterprise Park. Enterprise Park is the HCIDA property on Hwy. 51 N between Farmer’s Gin and Oak Hill Country Club and is where Gibson EMC is currently located.

The commerce center will consist of spec buildings for businesses to purchase, and the project is made possible through a federal award of \$4.05 million.

Architect Don Riley shared with the board members at the meeting Thursday a video of the design of the buildings making up the business commerce center.

The HCIDA also ap-

proved for Board Member Mattea Mitchell, who works with the Purchase Area Development District in Mayfield, to write up a phased Request for Qualifications to allow the HCIDA to hire someone to advise on the best way to tear down the Harpole building on South Washington Street, Clinton. The building connects to The Hickman County Times building. The HCIDA purchased the former Harpole/Potter property with the goal of bringing the vacant building down and clearing the lot for new buildings and/or parking.



An architectural design of the aerial view of the proposed Business Commerce Center at Enterprise Park in Clinton, Ky., by Riley Architect Services.



Blair Street Park will be bustling with activity on Sunday, Aug. 9, 12-4 during the Back to School Event!

## Face painting, inflatables, food, free clothes & more at Blair Street Park Back-to-School event Aug. 9!

By GAYE BENCINI

For Isaac Lemons, one of the group members working to bring a Back-to-School Fair to Blair Street Park Aug. 9, the event is personal.

“I damaged the community a lot through my childhood/young adulthood, and this is the beginning for me to give back and try to fix what I’ve broken,” he said.

After a troubled past, he is on a better path and said he feels led to help others through this event. He had some type of back-to-school event planned for Blair Street

Park, then saw a Facebook post by Quiana Haynes and realized they had the same idea. They talked, merged ideas, and others like Charles Mackins and Marissa McClam joined in.

This event follows, and is meant to complement and not take away from, the annual Back-to-School Fair held at the high school gym annually for grades K-12, which will be held on Aug. 6.

The Blair Street Park back-to-school event is set for Sunday, Aug. 9 from 12 noon – 4 p.m. and vendors are welcome to set up for a setup fee.

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Randy Elliott, Keith Elliott, and Donnie Bone take a brief break from the meat pit and meat stand work at the St. Charles Catholic Church Annual Picnic held Saturday, July 18 in Bardwell, Ky. (Photo by Gaye Bencini)

## BBQ traditions continue, this time at St. Charles Catholic Church, Bardwell

By GAYE BENCINI

My husband and I had made the trek to the St. Denis Picnic held July 4, and this past Saturday, he wanted head to the St. Charles Catholic Church Annual Picnic. I was concerned he had become a mutton addict, but I was up for another adventure.

We headed up Hwy. 307 and turned left as signs with words like “Games,” “Bingo,” “BBQ” along the roadside led us to the St. Catholic Church grounds. The church building is a beautiful brick structure, and there were plenty of parking spaces.

We headed to the grassy area which led to a meat

stand nestled underneath shade trees. With only one person in front of us, Shelton waited his turn for mutton. I had to ask Kevin Cunningham later if he made the St. Charles Picnic too. He was first in line at the St. Denis Picnic, held July 4, and purchased the first five pounds. Sure enough, he made the trip from

Columbus, Ky., to St. Charles and was second to make a purchase. That man is a go-getter!

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