

Hickman County Chamber Farm to Fork Dinner



Super thick and delicious pork chops!



Marie Walker and Sue Doering were among the attendees.



Sherry Allison gave the welcome.



Martha Holbrook was one of the attendees who visited the Tatum Studios Floral Bar where guests could make a bouquet to take home.

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Super thick pork chops, corn on the cob, black-eyed peas, mixed vegetables, homemade rolls, and dessert made for a savory, filling meal at the Hickman County Chamber's Farm to Fork Dinner held Saturday evening, Aug. 22 at the First Assembly of God Family Life Center. Prior to the meal, guests enjoyed brisket appetizers. Several attendees made floral bouquets at the flower bar to take home. It was a night of fellowship,

good food, violin and banjo music by Mallie and Landrie Mitchell and singing and guitar music by Ryker Cagle. The meeting was opened with a welcome by Chamber Representative Sherry Allison, and prayer by her husband, David. At the conclusion of the dinner, Hickman County Judge/Executive-Elect Kory Naranjo was asked to speak. "This is a great event," Naranjo said, noting the large crowd. He expressed thanks to the Chamber and all involved in making the event a success.

"You couldn't do this without our farmers," he said. "Some of the farmers have said this is the best corn crop they've ever had and we've got to be very thankful for that." Naranjo shared how events like this come to fruition due to a close-knit community that is willing to work together and looked back over the past 12 years of the current fiscal court administration. He said 12 years ago, prior to Kenny Wilson, current judge/executive and the current fiscal court going into office, Wilson

came by his house on a Saturday at 6 a.m. "If anybody knows anything about Kenny, you know he starts his day very, very early," Naranjo said. They discussed things they would like to see happen in Hickman County. "One of the things we left with was that we were going to focus on doing something positive for the community. That's what we've tried to focus on the whole time," he said. Naranjo said looking ahead, the Hickman County Senior Citizens Center building rehab

project will begin soon, and the bidding process is underway. "We have things planned for our parks- Blair Street, Fulgham, and Rotary Park," he said. He noted the new business commerce center coming to Enterprise Park that will house multiple businesses [funded with a \$4 million grant]. "We're in the beginning stages of tearing down the True Value building

in town, that and needs to happen soon." He said there are other buildings in Clinton that need to be torn down or fixed up. He said the fiscal court is working with Columbus-Belmont State Park Superintendent Lee Jackson on the park project of rebuilding the pavilion that was taken down to be moved inward on the park grounds.

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Fiscal Court passes first reading of 12-mo. moratorium on data centers; Update on the Hwy. 51 project in six-year road plan

By GAYE BENCINI

Hickman County Fiscal Court met in regular session Monday, Aug. 24 at 8 a.m. in the county judge/executive's office. Present were Hickman County Judge/Executive Kenny Wilson, Magistrates Henry Cole, Irvin Stroud, and Kory Naranjo, Administrative Assistant Hillary Webb, Treasurer Amy Leslie, Dep. Judge/Exec. Dawn Allen, Attorney Jason Batts, and visitors Troy Curtis, EM Director Dylan Jewell, Attorney Leanna Wilkerson, Sheriff Ben Natividad, KYTC Hickman County Highway Superintendent Tommy Ingrum, Bruce Benifield, engineering technologist supervisor for the Transportation Cabinet, Scott Waggoner with Kentucky Publishing, Inc., and Gaye Bencini.



US 51 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT- Plans are for this building on Hwy. 51 S to come down and that area be made into a wide turning area onto Kimbro Street. (Photo by Gaye Bencini)

12-Month Moratorium

The Hickman County Fiscal Court passed the first reading of an ordinance that places a 12-month emergency moratorium on the construction, expansion, and operation of high-impact data center facilities being built in the county. Attorney Jason Batts said, "This is in line with the prevailing mode of thought for political leaders at all different levels." He said some political leaders who were originally for data centers, citing their possible economic impact, are now wanting to learn more about them before

moving forward. The moratorium would give the fiscal court an opportunity to learn more about them as well. The fiscal court approved to have a summary of the ordinance published in the newspaper for advertisement.

Dylan Jewell named Emergency Management Director

Dylan Jewell, who was named interim Emergency Management Director earlier this year, has completed his training and has now moved into the emergency management director position. Prior Emergency Management Director Justin Jackson resigned from the position earlier this year due to a law that states that an individual seeking office of judge/executive

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"Hold on Leroy, we're gonna hit!"



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The time period for this tale was in the late 1970's or early 1980's. John Fleming and Gus Wolvertson were still teaching biology and chemistry at the high school. I was the guidance counselor, and Kenneth Jackson taught math. John and Gus were sponsors of the science club and decided that the club should take a field trip and float down the Current River in Missouri. Kenneth and I were asked to go along and help bring all the kids home again, safe and sound. The plan was to bus the kids to the river on Saturday morning, float from noon to

evening, camp alongside the river Saturday night, and float again Sunday morning. We would exit the area around noon on Sunday and bus the kids back to Clinton. We made the trip to the river just fine, picked up our canoes, and traveled up the river to our starting point for the float back down. The sponsors also recruited a bus driver and a few parents to help out at the over-

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