

How it might look

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Hickman County Fiscal Court met in regular session Monday, Sept. 28 in the Hickman County Judge/Executive's Office. Present were Hickman County Judge/Executive Kenny Wilson, Magistrates Henry Cole, Irvin Stroud, and Kory Naranjo, Curtis Weatherford, Administrative Assistant Hillary Webb, County Treasurer Amy Leslie, Dept. Judge/Exec. Dawn Allen, County Attorney Jason Batts, and visitors Troy Carter, Kelly Byassee, Michael Bartimus, Heather Spillman, Ben Natividad, Mallory Burton, Leanna Wilkerson, Melissa Wessell, and Gaye Bencini.

A drive-thru window is just one of the features offered on each of the two new spec business commerce buildings planned for Enterprise Park. During the fiscal court meeting Monday, Hickman County Judge/Executive Kenny Wilson shared a video of the proposed design for the commerce center, a project of the Hickman County Industrial Development Authority Board. The commerce center, consisting of two buildings of 4,200 sq. feet each with multiple individual business spaces inside, will be located across from Gibson EMC at Enterprise Park. The park is located on Hwy. 51 N, Clinton, between Farmer's Gin and Oakhill Country Club.

The project is made possible through a federal award of \$4.05 million, of which Congressman James Comer was instrumental in the county's obtaining it. Judge Wilson said each of the entire buildings may be purchased or just individual spaces. "You can divide these two buildings into four different parts, or somebody could

buy a whole building. We don't know how it's going to go," Judge Wilson said.

Examples of the building's use on the video shown to the fiscal court included a pharmacy, a hair salon, a business office, and more. The video is courtesy Riley Architect Services based in Mayfield.

Judge Wilson said the paperwork for the grant agreement between the county (industrial board) and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development is now at the Purchase Area Development District Office in Mayfield and will be signed soon.

The topic of discussion turned to

shooting sports.

Shooting Sports

"The shooting sports program is very important to us all," Judge Wilson said. "We're here for the united purpose of finding a place where our kids can continue shooting sports, which also teaches gun safety and being around others."

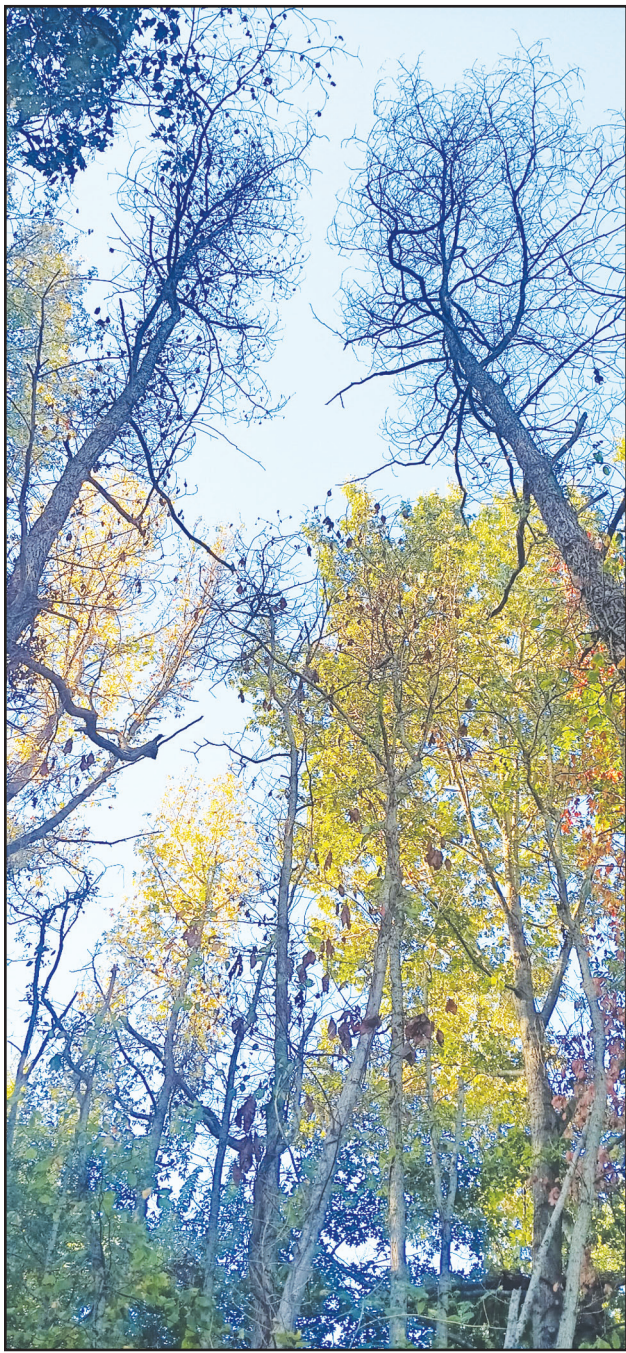
Several visitors at the fiscal court meeting attended to discuss a location for teens involved in the program to practice.

The area that has been used for

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Shown are photos from the Riley Architect video of the possible design of the new business commerce center at Enterprise Park. This is a project of the Hickman County Industrial Development Authority Board.



These trees in Hickman County are among the many reported dying in this and surrounding counties. (Photo by Shelton Bencini)

Trees are dying!

By GAYE BENCINI

My husband noticed trees along our road in Clinton, Ky., dying at a seemingly odd high number recently. I assumed it was from the extended dry heat spell. When I made a post on The Hickman County Times Facebook page asking if anyone else has noticed this, there were plenty of responses.

Danny Whitlock has noticed a pin oak in his backyard dropping leaves early for the past several years. This year, all the leaves are gone.

John Morris said the sassafras trees started dying about five or six years ago on his Carlisle farm. "I wasn't seeing it anywhere else." He said he now sees it in McCracken County and the eastern side of Graves and Calloway.

"I lost the last of my trees last year," he said. "The young sprouts coming up from roots appear to be

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A&W Grocery: A Community General Store

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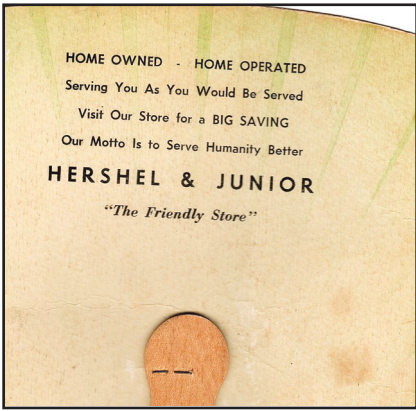
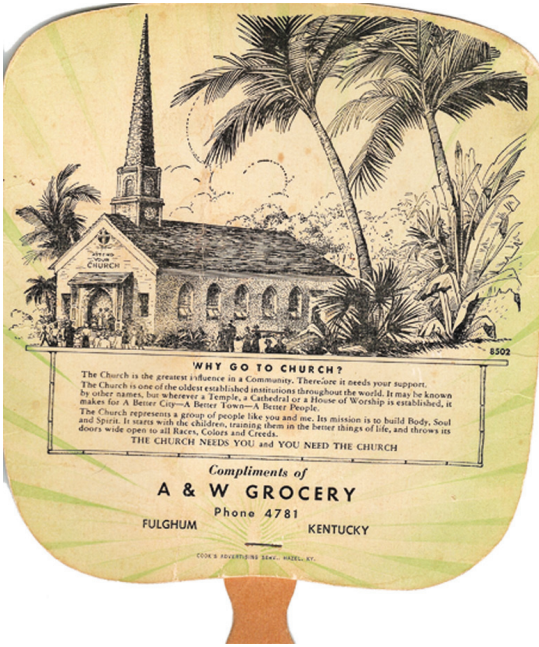
This writing doesn't have a funny side, a sad side, or a moral lesson to be learned. It is my way of reminiscing and recalling what our county has lost on the drive to convenience and price savings. Unless you are somewhat advanced in age, you will be unfamiliar with the subject of general stores. Most, if not all of us, are familiar with the huge box stores today that contain almost everything an individual could need to exist and even thrive. In the 1950's, here in Hickman County, you had a store in most small communities. Sometimes the stores were small with only a limited stock of items. At other times, the stores like the A&W in Fulgham, were larger and like Walmart tried to be all things to all people.

The store tried to be as full service as possible. Local farmers who had excess cream provided by their milk cows would put the cream in a two gallon can and bring it to the store. My mother would transport the cream cans to the Pet Milk Company in Fulton and return the washed can and a little money to the farmer. A spilled can led us to get rid of the 1953 Packard in which we had traveled to Kentucky. We never could get rid of that soured milk smell. We also bought eggs from farmers and after being candled (checked for live embryos) we sold them to customers.

Aside from a good stock of groceries, these stores did their best to provide whatever a family could need without having to drive into town to purchase it. We received large deliveries from three area grocery wholesalers. On those days you worked to shelve or store the many boxes of canned goods and other foods. We also had individual jobbers who wholesaled a small but specialized inventory. The broom man is one that comes to mind.

We had a drug aisle with a wide variety of over-the-counter medications, Band-Aids, and many other items that fit in this category.

The store sold food items such as lard – 2lb, 4lb, or 8lb boxes and for a few customers, large cans of lard were available. Flour was available in 5 lb., 10 lb. paper



The photos are the front and back of a church fan handed out to promote the store. Proprietors: Herschel Whitlock and Sam (Junior) Armbruster.

bags, or 25 lb. cotton sacks. The sacks could be washed and sewn into clothing.

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