



## Residents give input

### Kentucky engineer presents Clinton park, farmers market

By Judith Brown  
Staff Writer

In hopes of attracting tourists, broadening its tax base and offering a long-desired recreation complex for its residents, the City of Clinton unveiled more plans Tuesday evening at an input session about the proposed recreational complex and a planned \$500,000 parking area and covered pavilion on what is now Vance Park.

"That is totally separate from the recreation area," Clinton City Manager Bill Ed Cannon said of the pavilion. "It will be done soon. I have the plans on my desk and I have to advertise for bids."

The concept drawing calls for 16 to 18 parking spots along both sides of a covered pavilion for use as a farmers market, with space for more than 20 vendors.

Construction of the structure itself will not be put out for bids, Cannon said, because a North Carolina company will cut Alaskan Yellow Cedar in North Carolina and will put it together with pegs and additional support as needed.

"This type wood is equivalent to cypress trees and will withstand the weather and will really last," Cannon said.

He said the projected cost of \$500,000 to \$550,000 would be paid for by accommodations and hospitality tax revenue.

The pavilion plans were created and presented Tuesday by engineer Glen Ross, president of engineering firm MSE of Kentucky, Inc., the same Lexington, Ky., engineering firm which has created the large recreation concept plans.

Ross was brought in from Kentucky on the various projects because they've shared 20 years of work experience, Cannon said.

"He is a friend and I didn't have time to go out and find someone," Cannon said, and he knew



**BIG PLANS, NOT FIELDS** — While many of the residents at Tuesday's citizens input session on the proposed Clinton City Recreational Complex hoped to see adjustments in the baseball field locations, Jeff Smith, right, with Justin Brent, left, told the planning engineer he hoped for more or larger multipurpose fields which could be used for soccer league practices.

Ross' work would be done well. Unlike the pavilion, the overall cost of the large-scale recreation complex is still unknown, although Cannon said he was aware it would be in the mil-

Photo by Judith Brown

## Tiller to embark on new journey

By Nick Herman  
Reporter

When Fountain Inn High School opens its doors for its initial day of classes in August 2021, a familiar face to Laurens County residents will be there to lead - and greet - the new students.

Clinton High Principal Maureen Tiller was approved as the first-ever principal for Fountain Inn High during Tuesday evening's meeting of the Greenville County School Board of Trustees. She will be leaving her post as Clinton's principal following this current school year, ending a run of 20 years within District 56.

"It has been my honor to work in Laurens 56 for the past 20 years," Tiller said in a press release from District 56. "The relationships I have made with colleagues, students, and families are irreplaceable. The Clinton High School community will always hold a big piece of my heart."

Fountain Inn High School construction has yet to start, but the school will be located on Quillen Avenue. The school will be built to house 1,000 students, but can be expanded to as many as 2,000. The school will offer traditional classes, advanced placement and college-level courses, while also offering advanced manufacturing and engineering classes.

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