

Spotlight on Commercial Contractors of Southwestern Illinois



A rendering of the site in O’Fallon which will duplicate the Edley’s Bar-B-Que in Glen Carbon.

Plocher building-out site for restaurant and retail

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The site of a former O’Fallon lumberyard is giving way to a \$4 million development on 3.5 acres at 531 W. Highway 50 in O’Fallon, Ill.

Plocher Construction Co. is building both an Edley’s Bar-B-Que and a retail strip center on the property, and each will be done by year’s end, said Project Executive Michael Garrett. Plocher is a partner in the ownership and development, he said.

The Edley’s is similar in appearance to the one the company built last year in Glen Carbon and will be operated by the same franchisers, Pat and Stacey Tyrrell. Edley’s is a barbecue chain out of Nashville, Tenn., and the Metro East locations are the first in Illinois.

Construction of the Edley’s was to be underway by this month.

Meanwhile, the 6,000-square-foot strip retail building will house multiple tenants that Plocher is now working to finalize but not yet ready to announce.

“Edley’s will be the flagship on the Highway 50 side and the retail building will be the frontage on the Cambridge side,” Garrett said.

There will be two entrances off Cambridge and a single entrance off Highway 50, which currently exists.

Improvements also include drainage.

The plan is to have both buildings completed by the end of the year, with Edley’s completed first, by fall.

Five of the parcels were once part of the lumberyard. The property transaction closed in the fourth quarter of 2021 and site work started in January.

A civil engineer who had worked up plans under a previous property owner is being used by Plocher now. That is Todd Reyling, of Reyling Design and Consulting in Smithton.

Dave Kunkel of Kunkel Commercial Group is serving as the property broker.



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