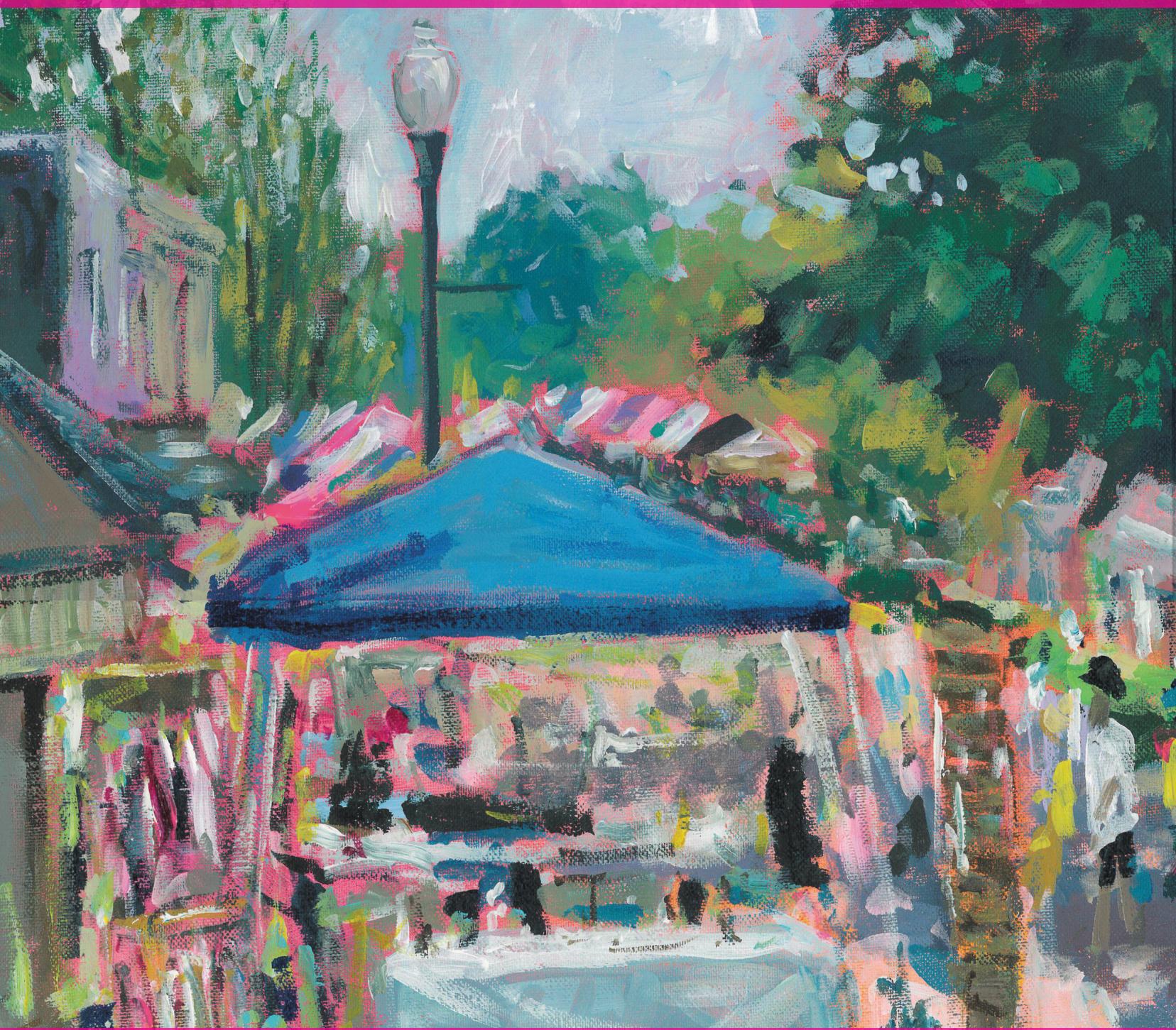


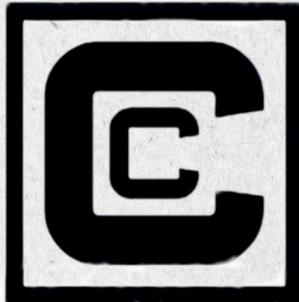
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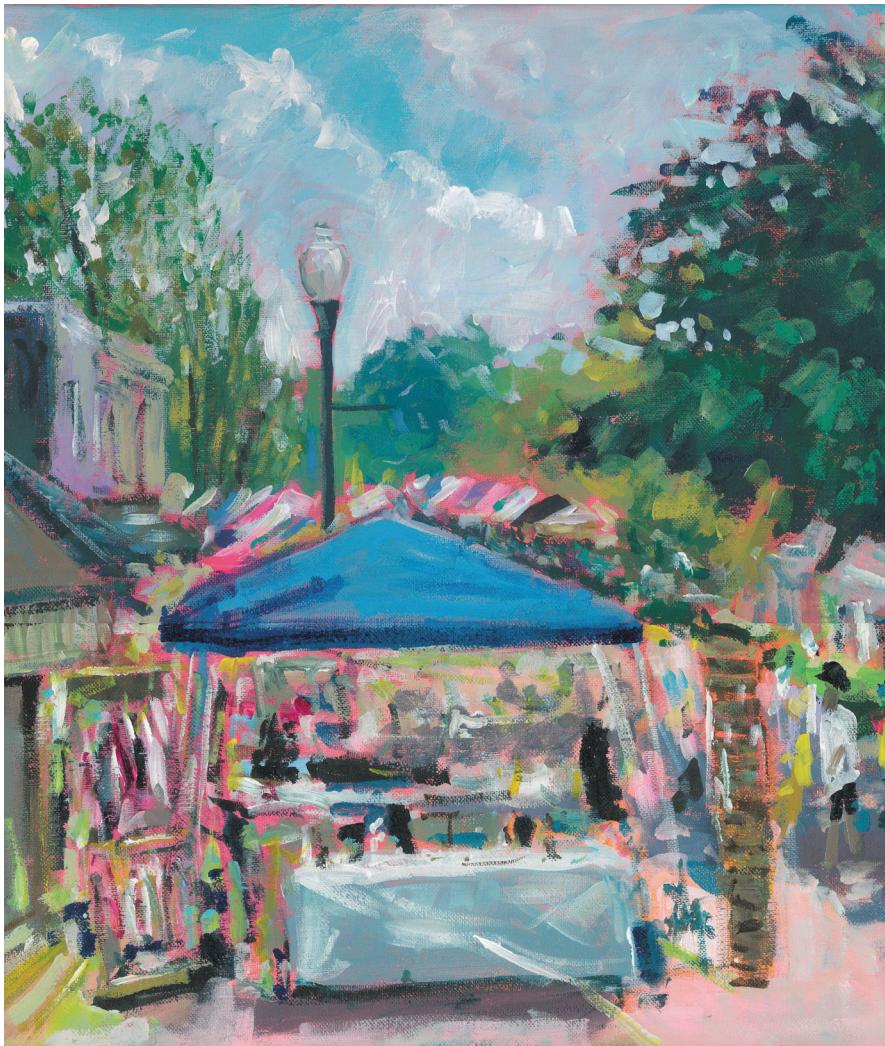
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Above: Artist Garrett Seal captures the whimsy and busyness of festivalgoers and vendors alike during Pine Hill Festival this spring. Artwork is oil on wood panel.

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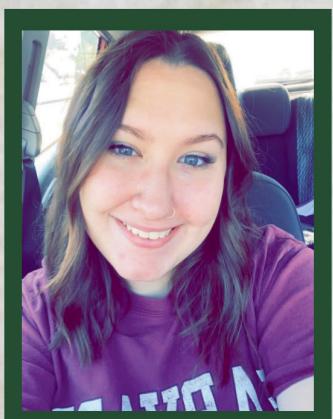
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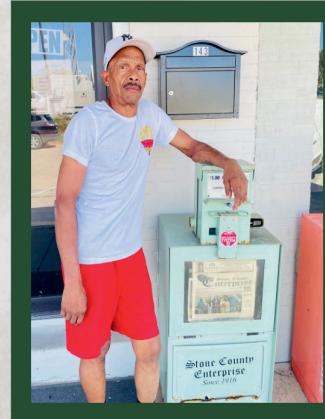


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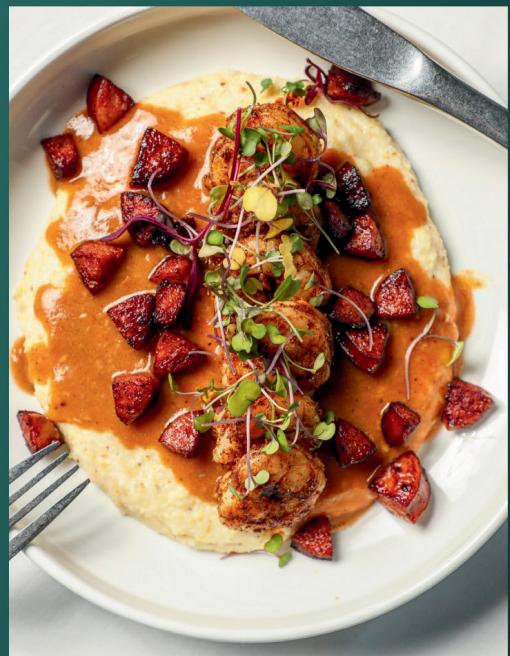


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Dylan loves the Bang Bang Shrimp salad or tacos from Sleepy Bear!



Frosty Mug



Ashley's favorite at Frosty Mug is the Buffalo Chicken Ranch Fry Bowl!



Snow Boogers



Lyndy's go-to order at Snow Boogers is the Pineapple Heaven!



Miss Julie's Market



Dylan's favorite thing at Miss Julie's Market is the brown sugar salmon!



Big Level Country Store



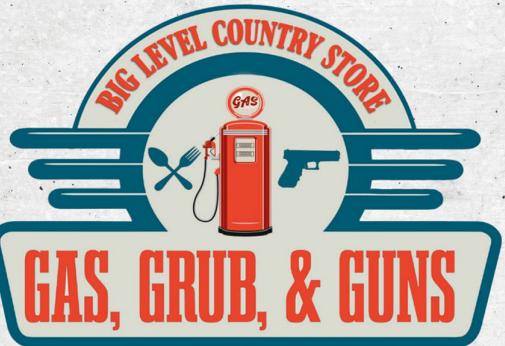
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Story by Dylan Hodge

BITE INTO A LEGEND

When the community of Stone County is asked which restaurant floods their minds with memories, most will say “Frosty Mug”.

Frosty Mug has been a staple of Wiggins and Stone County for over six decades. It is one of the oldest functioning restaurants in the county.

While recurring customers rush in by the dozens to get their hands on the restaurant’s beloved “Lotto Burger,” new owners Chris and Kalie Gollott are ready to upgrade the restaurant’s menu and look.

“There are so many memories for the community, and we don’t want to change that,” Kalie said. “I think Frosty Mug is perfect the way it is, just the food needs to be improved and we want to revamp the building.” She said it’s going to be the same old-fashioned Frosty Mug everyone loves, it’s just going to get a facelift.

The Frosty Mug’s genesis began in 1960 when Bettie Sue and Pal Roberts and Tommy and Bennie Cain opened the business in 1960.

The establishment was given the name “Frosty Mug” because of its frosted glass mug that was used to serve

root beer.

Six months after opening, the Cains opted out of the restaurant and sold their half to Bettie Sue and Pal. For the next 30 years, Bettie Sue and Pal employed over 400 people and served thousands of hungry customers.

On April 1, 1990, Reda and Porter Burke bought the establishment. What began as a short-term plan to help build up their retirement was an 18-year ownership anyone would be proud of.

During the Burkes’s ownership, they expanded Frosty Mug’s menu from milkshakes, burgers, and fries to po-boys, sandwiches, salads, and variations of ice cream, items that are still ordered today.

Tim and Janice Thibideau purchased the Frosty Mug from the Burkes in 2008.

When the Thibideau’s took over, their goal was to strive for the restaurant’s original way of making food. Bettie Sue Robert gave the Thibideaus all of the original recipes, and everything was replicated the way it was back in 1960.



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Chris and Kalie Gollott took over the restaurant on December 7, 2023.

"We have been together since we were 15 and Chris has always wanted a restaurant... and we want a place where the kids can come because there's no place like that here," Kalie said.

Chris is an executive chef who has worked in multiple casinos and restaurants on the Gulf Coast, including Emeril's Gulf Coast Fish House at the Island View Casino and the Hilton Garden Inn.

Kalie said the couple first became aware of Frosty Mug five years ago. "Our daughter dances across the street...I just loved the feel of it, the mom-and-pop-hometown feel," she said.

The Gollotts are planning to condense the menu with over 50 items.

"We're going to pretty much keep what everybody loves but condense it down," Kalie said.

Along with their new prime rib sandwich and patty melt, Frosty Mug also has specialty menu items.

Kalie and Chris have collaborated with Heartley

Sweets & Sweet Bites to create their brand-new decadent shakes.

"We are getting ready to do a lemon icebox pie shake and they are going to make the pie that's going to be on the top of the lemon shake," Kalie said.

Every sauce served at the restaurant is freshly made in-house. "Everything is fresh," Kalie said. "We're not overly processed. We've got top ingredients."

To make sure their customers are getting the best quality of food possible, Kalie and Chris participate in taste kitchens.

With Chris' fine dining experience immersed with quick service, the combination in a restaurant will be very unique. Though Frosty Mug has changed hands four times and went under numerous renovations, it has remained at its original location and is a staple of Stone County.

Frosty Mug is located at 514 S. Magnolia Drive. They are open Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. They are closed on Sundays.



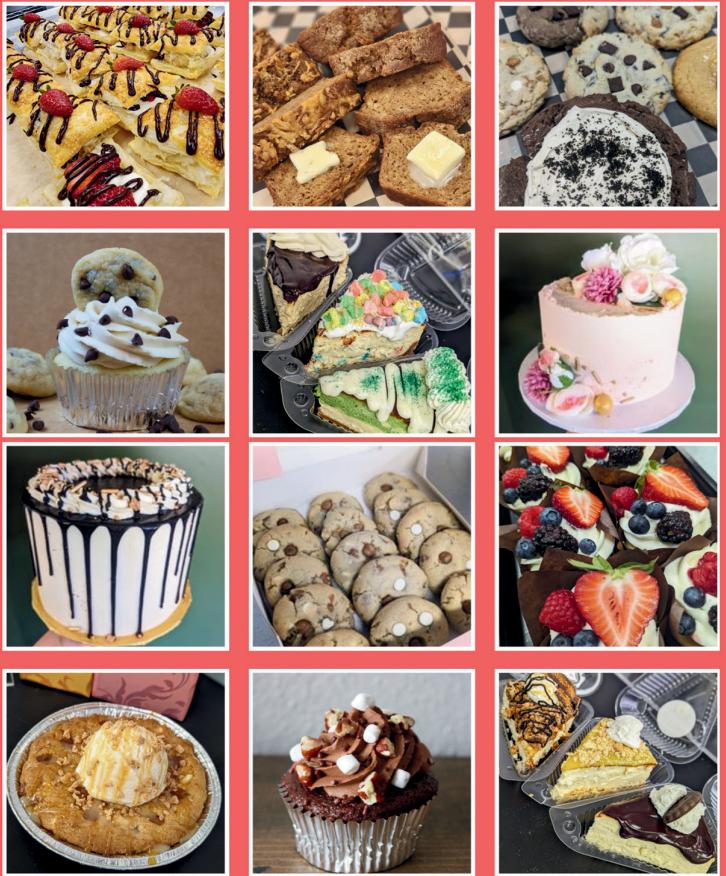
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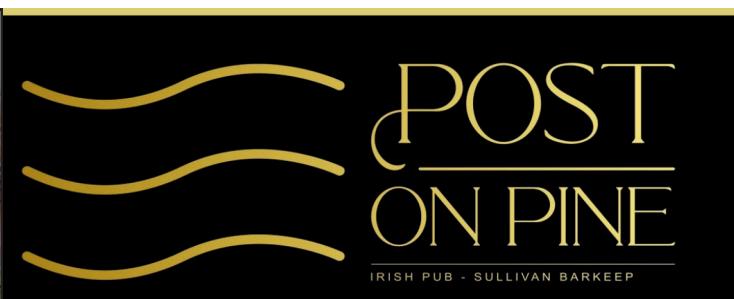




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ROAD TO SUCCESS

STORY BY DYLAN HODGE



Jerry D. Wells, Jr. and LaShonna Ramey-Wells started Universal Transportation Solutions, Inc. in 2011, which transports non-emergency medical clients throughout the six coastal counties in Mississippi and into Louisiana, Texas, Alabama, and Tennessee. "We pick the client up and we take them wherever they need to go and bring them back," Jerry said.

They said transportation services are important because there are a lot of members in the community who do not have the financial ability for a vehicle or to travel once a week. "It is imperative that they go to dialysis or to cancer treatments... What are some of these people going to do... If we weren't here, some of them would be out of luck," LaShonna said.

LaShonna is a Stone County resident and has a background in business administration and funeral service technology. Her family owns Owens-Ramey Funeral Services. While running UTS with her husband, she is also working hard with the Department of Homeland Security.



Jerry was raised in Jackson County. After graduating high school, he worked odd jobs to pay the bills. He then found a job in the railroad industry. He retired from the railroad in 2008.

The couple met years ago on a mud-riding trip with friends. LaShonna said while riding on the back of Jerry's four-wheeler she was thrown from the ATV and landed in a mud puddle. "I threw her off and she got back on, and I have had her ever since," Jerry said.

Jerry was injured while he was with the railroad in 2007, and one of the few things he was allowed to do while injured was drive. A few months later, a friend of Jerry's from Virginia wanted to bring his transportation business into Mississippi, and thought Jerry was the right fit to help bring the vision to life. A meeting was held at McDonald's to discuss bringing Jerry on as a partner.

"Before he left, he looked at me straight in the eyes and asked me what it would take for me to come in," Jerry said. On August 25, 2007, days after their meeting, two brand new transportation vans arrived in Wiggins.

Jerry and LaShonna worked every day for four years transporting customers to and from doctor visits and hospital stays. In 2011, Jerry said his partner wanted out of the business. By then, he and LaShonna knew the ins and outs of the transportation business. "I knew we could start a transportation company of our own," Jerry said.

Jerry and LaShonna took the concept of what they were doing in Virginia and brought it to Wiggins. Their first day of operation was October 1, 2011. What started as just a couple of vans and a couple of drivers now has grown to over 15 vans and over a dozen drivers in the past 13 years. "We knew we could do it if we put our minds to it," LaShonna said.

Though starting a business comes with added pressure and stress, the couple have triumphed. "There were days when we didn't know how we were going to pay our bills," LaShonna said. Most nights early in the start of the company she said she would cry herself to sleep at night over the thought of losing their business and their home.

"But somehow and somehow God provided for us like he always has and will," Jerry said. The couple said their five-year plan includes expanding their business outreach.

"We want to do more than just non-medical emergency transporting," LaShonna said. They plan to offer other transportation options, like transports to the airport.

She said the best part about their job is helping people in the community. "If I could just make a difference in one person's life a day this makes it all worth it," LaShonna said.

Jerry and LaShonna have come a long way since first starting UTS over a decade ago. Their first office was in a meeting room at Owens-Ramey Funeral Services. They opened a new location six months ago. "It has been a journey and we're not done yet," LaShonna said.

Together, Jerry and LaShonna have five children and six grandchildren. They work alongside each other at UTS, and their snow cone stand, Tropical Paradise Shaved Ice and Treats. LaShonna is also the owner of LaCouture Fashions, which is an online boutique.

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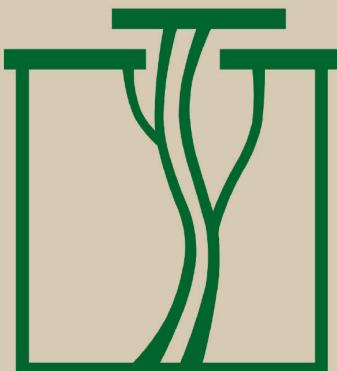
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JORDAN CHIROPRACTIC: IT'S IN THE GENES

STORY BY DYLAN HODGE

Jordan Chiropractic clinic added a new face with a familiar last name to its staff. Carson Jordan, who recently completed his doctor of chiropractic will join his father, Stanley Jordan, at his practice. The Jordan family has served Stone County for the past 29 years. "I'm excited," Carson said.

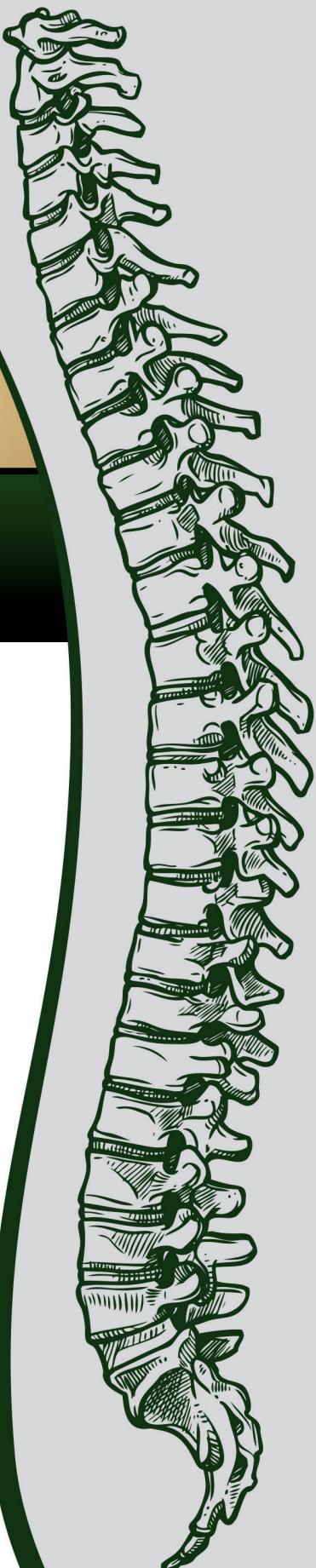
Stanley Jordan opened the practice in December 1995. Stanley's introduction into the profession was through playing sports throughout childhood and high school. "Our team trainer was a chiropractor, and that really got me interested," Stanley said. He looked up to the trainer so much that he worked with him after graduation. "That was a good experience."

Carson grew up watching his father treat clients aches and pains with his hands. "I always thought that was cool as a kid," Carson said. "I just always knew that was something I wanted to do."

Though Stanley loved the profession he never pushed his children to follow in his footsteps. "He just always told me that school was going to be hard, but I was always pretty good at school though," Carson said. Carson graduated from Hancock High School in 2015 and then played football while attending Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. From there he attended Western Kentucky University before finally getting his Doctor of Chiropractic degree at Life University in Marietta, Georgia.

Carson began his internship at his father's clinic in January. "There was no better place to do so," he said. He began as a full time employee at Jordan Chiropractic in April 2024. Carson said his main goal is to take over and grow the business after Stanley retires. "That's the plan," Stanley said.

Jordan Chiropractic is located at 1725 W Central Ave in Wiggins. Their hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. and then 8 a.m. until noon on Fridays.



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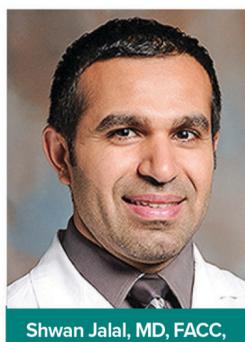
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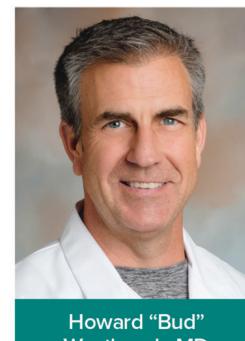
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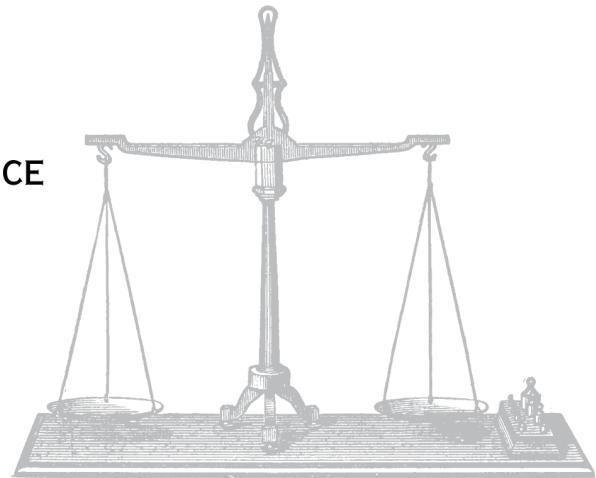
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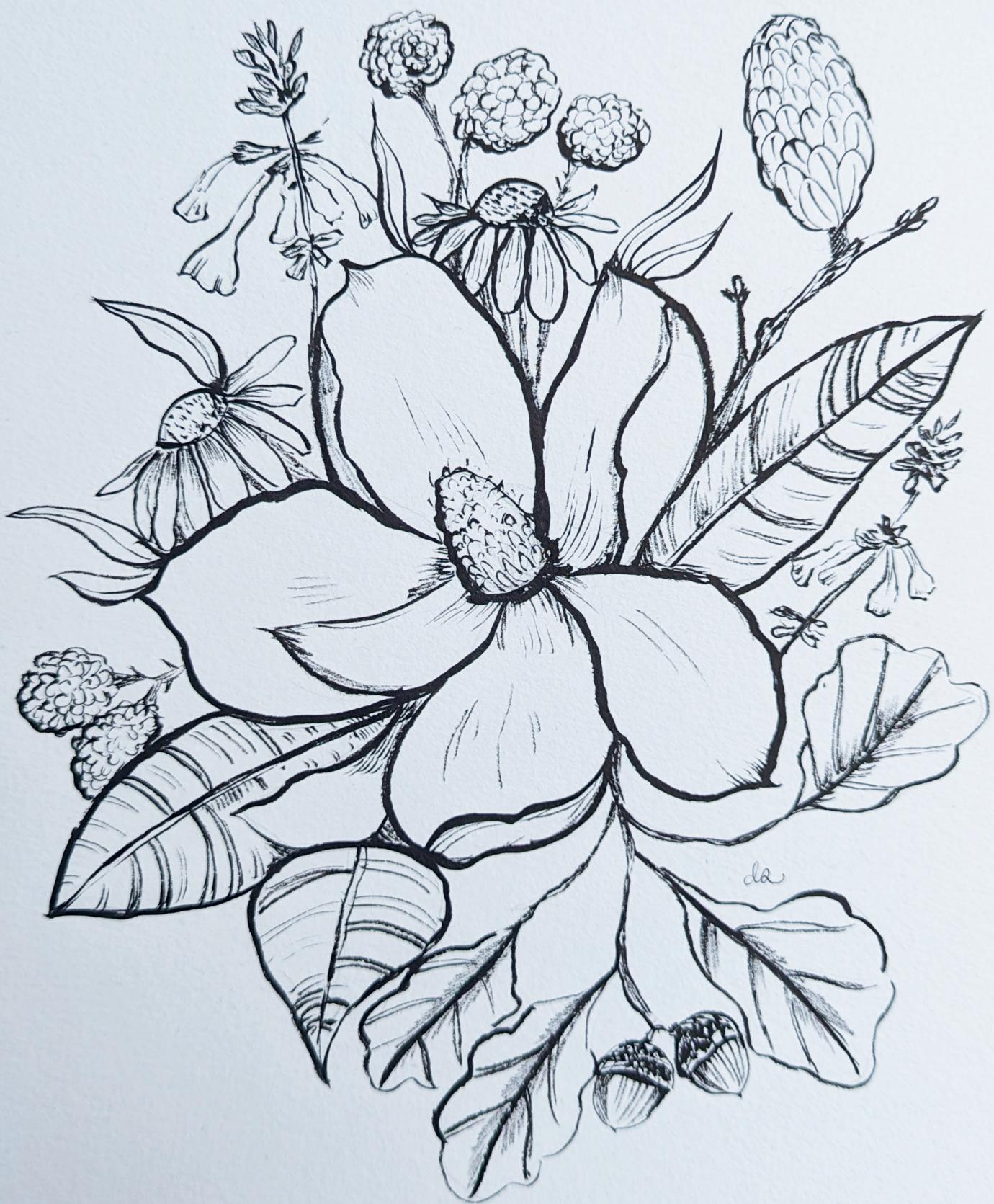
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ALPACAS:

Life on the Level



*Meet
Maryanne
and Tony
Anthony
and their
small herd
of alpacas.*

**Story by Dylan Hodge.
Photos by Lyndy Berryhill.**

A local alpaca farm is using fleece in a creative way as a source of extra income.

For years Maryanne and Tony Anthony of Big Level have owned and operated Big Level Alpacas. The farm sits on acreage that Tony's family has owned for the last several hundred years and is home to eight alpacas.

Maryanne uses their fleece to knit an array of products, some of which include beanies, scarves and elaborate stitch art. She also produces yarn from the fleece. Doing so, however, requires a unique process.

"Every inch of the fleece goes through my hands and fingers," Maryanne explained. To process fleece and create yarn, the fleece must be washed and brushed. "If you want to make yarn with the fleece, you then twist the washed and brushed fleeces," Maryanne said. Maryanne also owns a spinning wheel and a drop spindle, both of which aid her production process.

"We have more fleece than we know what to do with," Maryanne said. The fleece is harvested annually, and each alpaca produces almost ten pounds of fleece each time it's sheared. "A beanie takes about two or three ounces of fleece to make, so we have a lot of fleece to make things," Maryanne said.

A family friend taught Maryanne to crochet when she was just 12 years old, but she taught herself to knit. A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Maryanne met her husband Tony after moving to the coast over 36 years ago. "My ex-fiancé moved me down here from Baltimore," she said.

"I then met Tony six months later, and here we are today."

Maryanne said after retiring with her husband on the farm, she had the idea to sell her creations through the online shopping platform, Etsy.

"I started out making beanies and selling those," Maryanne said.

As she began to practice more and more, she expanded her line of products, offering fleece journal covers and figurines. "Every item bought through the Etsy page is made from Alpaca fleece and by our hands," Maryanne said.



She said the income from the online Etsy shop subsidizes the feed and hay expenses necessary to care for the small herd of alpacas.

"They pay for their own keep," she said laughing. "I love to do this stuff, and the fact that it helps bring in more income for my family is a big plus."

If she didn't sell her creations, Maryanne said she would continue to knit. She enjoys the process of producing special creations for herself and family. "I love the rhythm of knitting, it's a soothing meditation kind of," she said.

While Maryanne enjoys helping run the small business, she is not interested in its expansion. "I don't want to have to worry about employees and all of that. It is just Tony and I, and I love it that way," she said.

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BRANCHING OUT



STORY BY DYLAN HODGE

On a hot summer day, Seth Willison, the 45-year-old owner of Willison Timberworks Design Build, has been working on his newest project: Piney Woods Cottage No. 4.

It is the same passion project he has been working on for the past six months, and he is close to finishing it. Willison's portfolio is mostly passion projects. He chose to design and build with time-tested skills, tools, and an overall respect for his medium.

In 2006, Willison was looking to purchase a home and could not see himself in any of the structures.

"What I saw at the time were houses on the market that were not good architecture," Willison said. He said his standards of homes and buildings

stemmed from a college studies trip to Spain and Vietnam.

"I saw hundreds of thousand-year-old buildings that were beautiful, so my standard of beauty was raised through that trip," he said.

Willison had a vision of what he wanted to live in, so he decided to build his own home.

He spent thousands of hours studying the New England Timber Frame revival that began in the 1970s.

"It was a craft that was almost lost due to the advent of the balloon frame and platform frame construction," Willison said.

Timberwork was first used throughout the Middle East, Europe, and Asia as early as 200 B.C.

Timber framing is the traditional

method of building using heavy timbers. It uses squared-off, carefully fitted timbers held in place by large wooden pegs.

Timber frame construction was popular in a period when iron was expensive and nails were difficult and time-consuming to produce, so people had to devise a way to build without using nails.

This is the origin of traditional joinery, which we still use today in timber framing. Many of Europe's oldest buildings were timber framed, and many of them still exist. The timber framing trade was brought to America by European immigrants, who lasted for years before industry caught up and nails became cheap and simple to obtain, causing timber

framing to fade out of fashion.

In the 1970s, timber framing and traditional joinery saw a revival, with people restrained from mastering the traditional skills.

To see if he really could take on such a feat as building his own home, Willison decided to build a simple carport.

"That went very well, and once that went up, I knew I had to build everything on my own," Willison said.

Since building his home and establishing his company in 2019, Willison has designed and built three timber frame structures and is currently working on adding four more to his resume.

Piney Woods Cottage No. 4B is currently in production, and Willison's clients love his idea of going green.

"They're actually very into natural and alternative building materials," Willison said.

He said Willison Timberworks & Design Build will be

one of the first companies in the state of Mississippi to use hemp wool insulation.

Hemp wool is a new alternative for fiberglass and spray foam insulation. Their paints and coating safeguard and enhance structures, infrastructure, and assets, reducing maintenance expenses and boosting energy efficiency.

His goal is to introduce predesigned houses that work for South Mississippi's climate and culture.

"The current builds were good at the time, but we are not in a place where we have to build like that anymore," Willison said.

He said he would also love to see his developments and houses use natural and appropriate materials.

"...The material choices on the houses in South Mississippi right now are atrocious," Willison said. "They do whatever is cheapest and easiest. It's not very human-friendly or animal-friendly or environmentally friendly."



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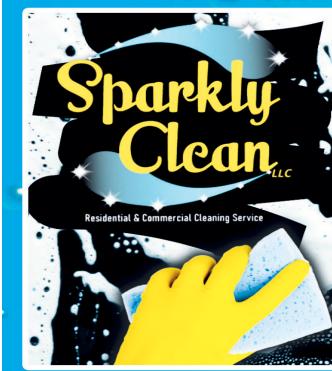
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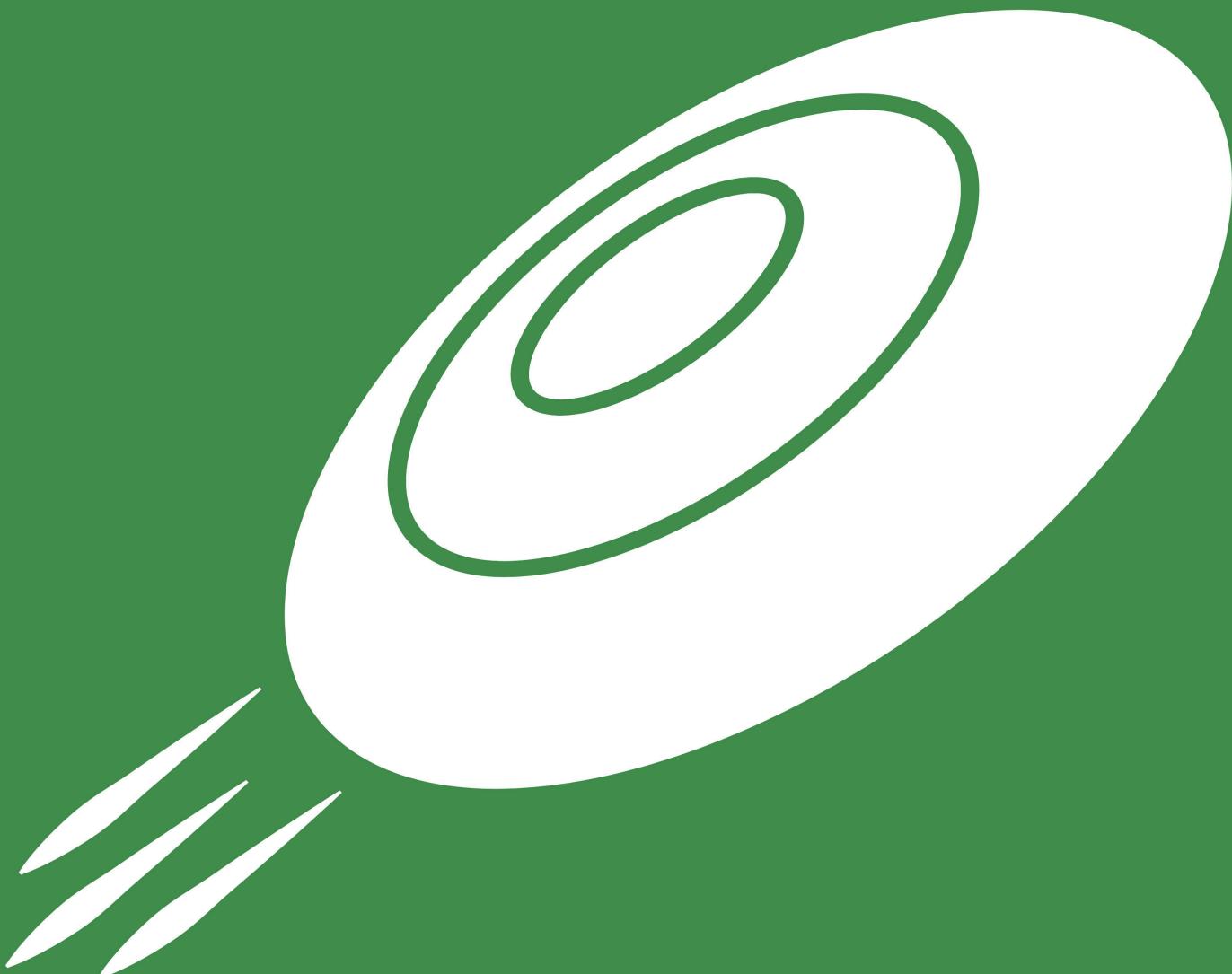
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CHEONA TRAILS

STORY AND PHOTOS BY DYLAN HODGE



A new 18-hole disc golf course inside Flint Creek Water Park is drawing enthusiasts from near and far.

In the sport, players use disc golf discs and aim for the basket, which is essentially a pole that extends up from the ground with chains and a basket. The game's synopsis is to land the disc inside the basket in the fewest number of throws, starting from the tee area. A disc golf course generally has nine to 18 holes.

The idea of a disc golf course came from park

manager Michael Clark just a couple of years ago. "I saw the disc golf courses at Paul B. and Little Black and I knew that we needed something like that here to draw in more people," Clark said. Clark was introduced to disc golf course designer Bo Kirk through his son.

A couple of weeks after the initial meeting, Kirk was hired on at the park as a maintenance worker, in hopes of starting construction of the course. Clark said when the park wasn't busy they would spend their time constructing the course.



Hole One



Bo Kirk almost scores a hole in one.



From left to right: Eddie Beckham, course designer Bo Kirk, and Bill Prout after playing four rounds of disc gold on the Cheona Trails.

In December of 2023, the first set of flags and mulch were set into place.

Less than six months later, Kirk completed the final hole on Thursday, May 2.

So far over 300 people have stopped in to play the sport on the new course.

He was given the honor of naming the disc golf course.

Kirk said he wanted to name the course “The Wild Magnolia”, but sticking with the Native American theme of the park, he chose the name “Cheona Trails.”

“To the Indians that lived in this area, Cheona means white dove,” Stone County resident and disc golf player Bill Prout said.

Native Americans called the local magnolia tree the Cheona tree, aka the Tree of the White Dove due to the blossoming of the tree.

This is Kirk’s 13th course he has designed. He has designed courses in Texas, North Carolina, and

Mississippi.

As soon as the disc golf course was complete, professional disc golfer Bryan “Pizza God” James traveled six hours to play his 1,800th course.

“I have always been one that likes to play different courses, so every time I went somewhere I tried to play every course,” James said.

He began playing two courses a day in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas area. Later that morphed into James’ goal of playing every single disc golf course available.

James has received many accomplishments by playing the sport. In 1992, he won the Am Worlds Putting Championship. He received the Honorable Service Award from the Lone Star Lasers Club in 2013. And in 2016, he was inducted into the Texas Disc Golf Hall of Fame.

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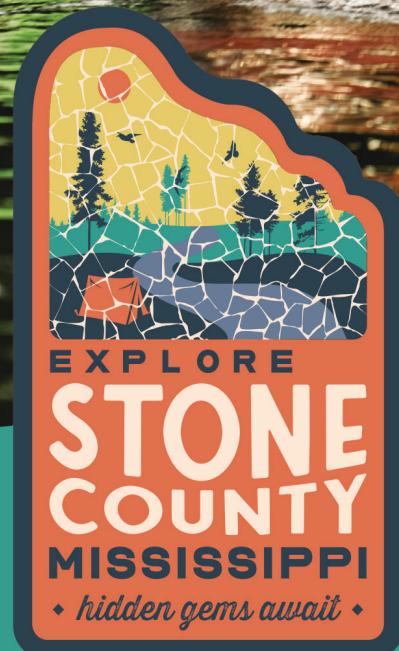
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