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Best In Show Award Winner  
Moe Chowdhury  
Monticello Construction and Real Estate  
405 Heron's Court - Bridgewater



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## A MESSAGE FROM

# OUR PRESIDENT



**Gary Lyles**  
2024 HBAJ President,  
Lyles Signature Homes

I joined this Association years ago with a simple goal – to be an active participant in our industry's community. For me, this Association is not just a gathering place; it's where I connect with suppliers, where faces turn into names, and where relationships are made of shared interest and purpose. Being part of this community is more than a choice; it's a necessity.

At Lyles Building Group, my brother Wayne and I have had the privilege of building an exceptional construction team. The benefits of our Association have not only been visible but tangible. In a landscape of economic challenges, from fluctuating mortgage rates to the upcoming 2024 presidential election, I remain hopeful that positive changes are on the horizon. Together, we can navigate these challenges and emerge stronger by this time next year.

Membership is the lifeblood of our Association. I encourage each of you to join me in expanding our membership. We must be vocal, sharing our individual stories of how the HBAJ has profoundly impacted our companies. The Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and our staff are working for the entire

membership, and we need your active participation.

Our 2024 Calendar is ready for your participation. While it may not be feasible for everyone to attend every event, I encourage you to try to attend as many as possible. The value of participation cannot be overstated. We welcome input from every member, so please don't hesitate to reach out to me, or any Board member, with your ideas in improving our Association.

My heartfelt appreciation goes out to all our sponsors, without whom our events and services would not be possible. Your support is the foundation upon which our success is built.

Let me emphasize the power of unity. As we face local government challenges, our collective voice grows louder with each new member. I challenge each of you to take seriously the directive to "DO BUSINESS WITH A MEMBER."

Thank you for your confidence in electing me as President for 2024. Together, let us work on a year of growth and improved success.



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**7. Frost Heave Reduction:** Treated soils shed water, minimizing

swell from rain, flooding, or frozen moisture.

While PCSS has proudly served Texas for many years, their application processes are recognized in Oklahoma, Arizona, and Louisiana, while holding a U.S. Patent for their innovative process. PCSS has expanded its services to Mississippi, completing over 100 homes in 2023! PCSS continues to partner with home builders, developers, and members of the Home Builders Association of Jackson. Beyond business, PCSS actively supports various veterans, police, and children's charities, highlighting their commitment to community welfare.

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River Ridge – Crown Homes  
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River Ridge – Crown Homes

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2nd Place – 808 Oakbrook Way  
River Ridge – Crown Homes  
3rd Place – 806 Oakbrook Way  
River Ridge – Crown Homes

## \$301,000 – \$350,000

1st Place – 206 Silver Maple Place  
Woodscape of Oakfield – Kirkland Development  
2nd Place – 116 Waverly Drive  
Waverly – Brandt Builders  
3rd Place – 204 Silver Maple Place  
Woodscape of Oakfield – Kirkland Development

## \$370,000 – \$450,000

1st Place – 427 Julee Circle  
Ambiance – Crown Homes  
2nd Place – 123 Trace Pointe Place  
Trace Pointe – Kirkland Development  
3rd Place – 101 Lakecrest Drive  
Caroline – Sartain Associates

## \$451,000 – \$600,000

1st Place – 772 Northridge Trail  
River Forest – IKON Homes  
2nd Place – 359 River Forest Lane  
River Forest – IKON Homes  
3rd Place – 110 Dunton Hill  
Bruenburg – Regions Residential

## \$601,000 – \$700,000

1st Place – 130 Heron's Bay Circle  
Heron's Bay of Caroline – Timbercrest Homes  
2nd Place – 192 Lake Ridge  
Heron's Bay of Caroline – Sartain Associates

3rd Place – 218 Amelia Circle  
The Village at Madison – Manning & Manning  
Construction  
Honorable Mention – 219 Wright's Mill  
Wright's Mill – Bailey Custom Homes

## OVER \$700,000

1st Place – 405 Heron's Court  
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2nd Place – 403 Heron's Court  
Bridgewater – Monticello Construction and  
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3rd Place – 222 Carlton Parke Drive  
Carlton Parke – IKON Homes

## BEST IN SHOW

BEST IN SHOW – 405 Heron's Court  
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# Fall Parade of Homes

## BEST IN SHOW

### 405 HERON'S COURT BRIDGEWATER

Moe Chowdhury Monticello Construction



#### A Conversation with Moe Chowdhury: Awarding Excellence in Construction

The beginning of Chowdhury's break into the construction industry traces back to the construction of his personal residence in Fontanelle subdivision, Madison. Overseeing the construction process and shouldering the responsibility of managing subcontractors during this project, Moe Chowdhury found himself intrigued by the construction phases. This experience served as the breakthrough for acquiring a builder's license and establishing a construction business, with an initial emphasis on speculative housing.

The Bridgewater residence marks a pinnacle in Chowdhury's career, being the largest project undertaken to date, encompassing about 5,200 square feet of space. Despite being speculative, this home and its neighbor, also built by Chowdhury, are distinguished by

a meticulous approach to design and material selection. Collaborating with designer Samantha Smith, Moe ensured that each element, from plumbing fixtures to cutting-edge home automation systems, reflected a commitment to both quality and innovation.

Even though this home is designed for a large family, there are simple uses of the home plan design that create feelings of comfort. A keeping room, family room and living space surround the heart of the home, of course being the kitchen. Open shelves adjacent to a 3-pane window over the kitchen sink add a farmhouse style, including antique pine exposed beams in keeping and family rooms. Floor to ceiling windows allow natural light to the interior and provide a bird's eye view of events happening on the covered back patio living area. The outdoor grill, smoker and fireplace create a comfortable gathering place. Inside, still first floor, you'll find wet bar (awesome use of space under stairway), butler's pantry as large as I've ever seen, an office, dining area, 2 bedrooms, each with a bath, and the master suite including stand-alone bathtub, 4 head shower with 2 side doors, and amazing closets with unbelievable storage. Upstairs, you'll find 2 bedrooms with jack-and-jill suites, extremely large media room with office and half bath. The details of quality in this home are very apparent. One can understand impressing the Parade judges with this beauty.

Remaining abreast of industry trends and material advancements is paramount to Chowdhury. Regular perusal of trade publications, coupled with exploration on platforms like Houzz and Etsy, ensures a continuous source of inspiration. In addition, on-site visits to other construction projects serve as a tangible

means of garnering ideas and insights.

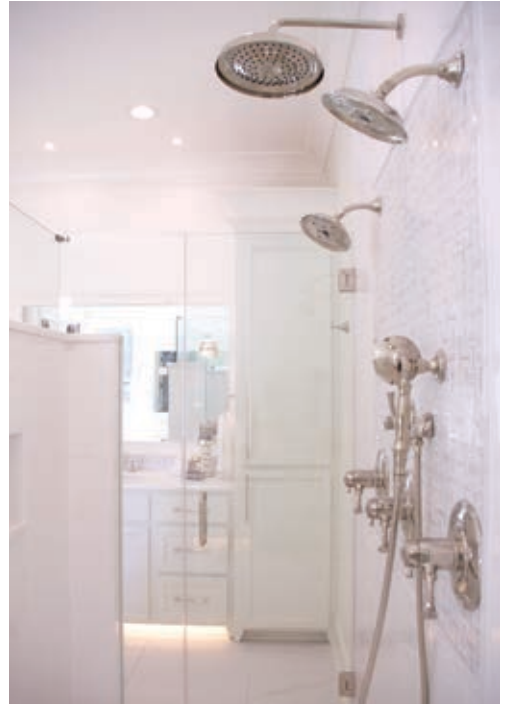
Expressing gratitude to the suppliers instrumental in the Bridgewater home, Moe Chowdhury highlights key contributors, including 84 Lumber for framing materials, The Stone Source for marble, quartzite, and granite in kitchen, bathrooms and porch counters, and Cherokee Brick. Other suppliers in the home, who are also HBAJ members, include Interior Exterior Supply, Barnett Phillips, Magnolia Lighting, Southern Bath & Kitchen, Ridgeland Specialty Hardware, Carr Plumbing, Oliver's Ornamental Ironwork, and several others, each contributing significantly to the project's success.

The completion of the Bridgewater home stands as a testament to Chowdhury's commitment to excellence. Overcoming challenges presented by the unique lot contours, each construction phase served as a valuable learning opportunity for the Monticello Construction team, further enhancing their proficiency in the field.

Looking ahead, the Monticello team envisions both speculative and custom home construction in their portfolio. A focus on maintaining and enhancing the quality of their work coupled with the accolades received for the Bridgewater home, is anticipated to fortify Chowdhury's standing as a distinguished builder within the industry.

The team of Monticello Construction's professional journey is characterized by a meticulous approach to construction, a commitment to staying informed, and a vision for future growth anchored in both quality and innovation. Congratulations on your Best in Show Fall Parade of Homes 2023 award!







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# 2023 SKEET & TRAP

Scheduled and rescheduled – the shoot finally took place on **Tuesday, November 21**. Thanks to **Capitol Gun Club** and **Mark Dungan** for helping us coordinate a great annual event. Wade Quin even attended! Great shoot, great time! 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams – First Commercial, MMC Materials and Riverside Custom Cabinets.



Capitol Gun Club Volunteer, Wade Quin & Mark Dungan



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# GUMBO

## COOK OFF

Thanks for the new idea suggestion of creating a **Gumbo Cook Off!** We had 13 teams participating and **1st place** went to the Roux Croux/ JDC Contracting - J.D. Carroll and his wife, Tass. **2nd place** went to PDR Gumbo/Paul Davis Restoration – Samuel King and team, and **3rd place** went to Bayou Ya-Ya/Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery – Allison Seymour, Ley Smith and their entire team. Rick Warriner and his Team Regions Residential outshined everyone in their appearance and presentation – love that Team Spirit!



Tass & JD Carroll



Paul Davis Restoration



Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Team



Bill Singletary, Kim Jent, & Nick Thomas



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## 2023 CONSTRUCTION ROUNDTABLE

## YEAR END REVIEW

Members attended the last meeting of the year on **Tuesday, December 5th**, held at the **HBAJ building**. Members in attendance were able to introduce themselves and the companies they represent. Thanks to J.D. Carroll for serving as the CRT Committee Chair for 2023 and welcome Kevin Troyer as the 2024 Committee Chair.



Kevin Troyer



Kim Jent



CRT Regulars



Rachel Williams



Gary Lyles





A special invitation went out to our **Foundation Sponsors** to attend a cocktail party held in their honor at Kathryn's restaurant on **Thursday, December 7**. HBAJ officers, builders and staff gathered to acknowledge these top HBAJ sponsors for their support in 2023. Foundation sponsors for 2023 include Atmos Energy, 84 Lumber, BankFirst, BankPlus, Cadence Bank, Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery, MMC Materials, Old South Brick, ProSource, Renasant Bank and Trustmark.



Allison Seymork & Alex Pope



Gary Lyles and Connie Bouslay



Travelin Jane



Matt McDonald, Alan Wall, & Brandy Martin



Brandy Martin, Randy Robertson, Michael Harkins, & Terry Williams

# HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF JACKSON

*Christmas Party at Kathryn's*

HBAJ members gathered at **Kathryn's** restaurant on **Tuesday, December 12th** to celebrate the holiday season together. Attendance was amazing and we able to visit with new and long-time members. Great appetizers – great fellowship.



JD Carroll & Chris Allen



Mandy Ellard, Jamie & Jeanine, Brandy Martin, & David Glass



Chris Allen & Whitney Allen



Back: Alan Wall and Brad Benton  
Front: Kim Jent, Rachel Williams, & Brandy Martin



Mandy Ellard & Terry Reeves



Bill Singletary



Wade Quin & Vicky Bratton





# 84 LUMBER'S COMPASSIONATE INITIATIVE

## *Rebuilding Hope in Rolling Fork, MS*



In March 2023, the town of Rolling Fork, MS, found itself dealing with the aftermath of a devastating tornado that left homes destroyed and families displaced. In an amazing display of corporate philanthropy, 84 Lumber stepped forward with a generous donation of \$100,000 in funds and \$25,000 in building materials to Rolling Fork Rising. This initiative is aimed at assisting in the reconstruction of homes and the restoration of hope for families affected by the tornado and its aftermath.

The tornado that struck Rolling Fork left a trail of destruction, with numerous homes reduced to rubble and families left without shelter. The town faced a daunting task of rebuilding not only its structures but also the lives of those who had lost their homes. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, 84 Lumber decided to contribute significantly to the recovery efforts.

With a commitment to making a substantial impact, 84 Lumber pledged \$100,000 in funds to Rolling Fork Rising. This financial contribution played a pivotal role in supporting the nonprofit organization's mission to rebuild homes and provide relief to the tornado-affected families. The funds were earmarked for purchasing construction materials, hiring skilled labor, and addressing other critical

needs in the rebuilding process.

In addition to the monetary donation, 84 Lumber further demonstrated its commitment by providing \$25,000 worth of building materials. These materials, ranging from lumber and roofing supplies to insulation and siding, were essential in ensuring the efficient and effective reconstruction of homes in Rolling Fork. The quality of these materials reflected 84 Lumber's dedication to not only meeting immediate needs but also ensuring the long-term resilience of the rebuilt structures.

84 Lumber's collaboration with Rolling Fork Rising, a local nonprofit organization committed to community development and disaster relief, amplified the impact of their generosity. By working together with an organization deeply rooted in the community, 84 Lumber ensured that its contributions were targeted towards the specific needs and challenges faced by the tornado-affected families.

Beyond the financial and material support, 84 Lumber's philanthropic gesture impacted the community of Rolling Fork.

The rebuilding process not only restored physical structures but also instilled a sense of hope and resilience among the residents. The collaboration between 84 Lumber and Rolling Fork Rising serves as an inspiring example of how corporate entities can play a pivotal role in aiding disaster-stricken communities.

84 Lumber's efforts in Rolling Fork, MS, exemplify the positive impact that corporate social responsibility can have on communities in times of crisis. 84 Lumber reaches out to individual communities across the country with their support and contributions. Recently, 84 Lumber donated \$25,000 to Roc Solid Foundation, \$25,000 to Runway of Dreams Foundation, \$25,000 to Good Samaritans who returned an expensive coin collection, \$50,000 to Germanna Community College's scholarship program, \$15,000 to Mountaineer Food Bank in Elkins, West Virginia, and on and on and on.

The philanthropic climate is mirrored at the local level as well. In December 2023, 84 Lumber committed to support Clark Builders in their efforts to build the 2023 St. Jude Home in Flowood, MS in Bristol Crossing neighborhood.

HBAJ is proud to recognize 84 Lumber for their tremendous support across the country, but also wants to recognize them for their support of our local association as a Foundation sponsor since 2017, with a commitment of \$10,000 every year since then.





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## INSTALLATION — OF OFFICERS & AWARDS —

Gary Lyles, Lyles Building Group, was installed as **2024 HBAJ President** by his brother and business partner, Wayne Lyles. Other officers installed by Wayne include Chris Allen, CA Construction, serving as Vice President, Chip Hutchison, Kirkland Development, serving as Secretary/Treasurer, Nick Gullette, MS Homes, serving as Builder Vice President, Kevin Stringer, Trustmark, serving as Associate Vice President, and Kevin Troyer, Arrow Remodeling, serving as Immediate Past President. Awards were presented including Rachel Williams, Atmos Energy Efficiency Program, as Associate Member of the Year, Kevin Troyer, Arrow Remodeling, Builder Member of the Year and Big Spike of the Year was a tie between Nick Gullette, MS Homes, and Carl Sandberg, 3S Homes. Thanks to all our Foundation Sponsors, event sponsors and members who have given their time to HBAJ in 2023.



Gary Lyles and Connie Bouslay



Gary Lyles and Wayne Lyles



Gary Lyles, 2023 Executive Board



Chris Allen, Sarah Freeman, and Chip Hutchison



Alan Wall



Chris Smith



Atmos Energy Team







Nick Gullette and Carl Sandberg tied for *Big Spike Member Award*



Ben Lindsey



Brad Benton



Rachel Williams, *Associate Member of the Year*



Kevin Troyer, *Builder Member of the Year*



JD Carroll



Allison Seymour



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# ST. JUDE DREAM HOME GIVEAWAY

*Partners with Clark Builders and UList Realty*

On December 7, 2023 representatives of Clark Builders, UList Realty, St. Jude and Home Builders Association of Jackson members, attended a ground breaking ceremony to kick off the partnership between Clark Builders and St. Jude and the Dream Home give-away taking place in Spring/Summer 2024 at Bristol

Crossing neighborhood in Flowood, MS.

Later that afternoon, Community Bank hosted a kickoff luncheon where St. Jude representative and Clark Builders representatives presented their commitment to the Dream Home Give Away project. Clark Builders and UList Realty appreciate their suppliers in collaborating with them.

Tickets to win the home and other prizes can be purchased through the St. Jude website for \$100 each. Let's support Brent Clark in his charitable efforts in providing donations of financial support to cure pediatric catastrophic diseases. An excerpt from their mission statement, "no child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay."



HBAJ Members gathered at Brent Clark's (Clark Builders) ground breaking for the 2024 St. Jude home.





## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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In the beginning of 2023, Jeremy Bomgardner embarked on a mission to redefine standards in the realm of concrete flooring. With a background as a representative for a major coatings manufacturer for over 15 years, Bomgardner developed a keen interest in decorative concrete applications, including resinous coatings, concrete staining, and polished concrete. This interest turned into a profound passion for delivering high-quality concrete floor systems that seamlessly integrate style, functionality, and lasting value.

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ArmaCrete specializes in a range of high-performance solutions, including decorative polymer flake, decorative quartz, metallic/marble/reflector, and solid

color "neat" floor coatings systems. Renowned for their durability and hygienic properties, these systems find applications in various residential areas, such as garage/shop floors and interior living spaces.

Beyond coatings, ArmaCrete excels in concrete polishing, a transformative process involving progressively higher grit diamond tooling, eco-friendly chemical densification, and high-speed burnishing of a penetrating sealer. Resulting in smooth, glossy, and reflective surfaces resembling polished stone, these floors offer not only aesthetic appeal but also durability, environmental friendliness, low maintenance, hypoallergenic properties, and energy efficiency.

ArmaCrete's commitment to integrity, professionalism, and quality resonates strongly with its clientele. Customers appreciate the value ArmaCrete brings to each project, treating it with the same diligence and care as if it were for the company owner's own family.

ArmaCrete currently operates with a team of four dedicated professionals. The Operations Manager boasts an extensive background in residential and commercial design of post-tension foundations and maintenance. Leading the installation team is a foreman with nearly two

decades of experience in installing resinous floor coating systems, supported by a lead installer with an additional seven years of expertise in a variety of floor coatings.

**Jeremy Bomgardner's Connection to the Market:** Jeremy Bomgardner, the visionary behind ArmaCrete, has been a resident of Rankin County for over two decades, raising his family within the community. Bomgardner values relationships built on trust and fair treatment, establishing a solid

foundation for ArmaCrete's success within the local market.

With a commitment to quality, a diverse range of innovative products and services, and a team dedicated to excellence, ArmaCrete stands as a testament to professionalism and expertise in the construction industry. As Jeremy Bomgardner joins the Home Builders Association of Jackson, the association gains a seasoned member with a proven track record of delivering exceptional concrete flooring solutions.



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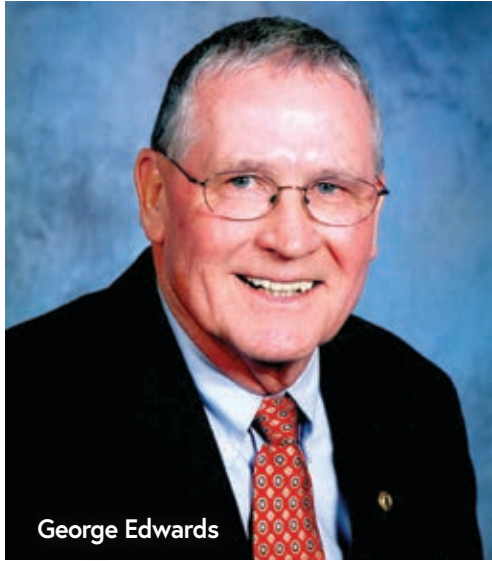


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# REMEMBERING...



George Edwards

The construction industry in Mississippi has lost one of its most dedicated leaders with the passing of Mr. George Edwards. Born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi, Mr. Edwards dedicated much of his life to building not just structures but also communities, leaving a definitive mark on the construction landscape of the state.

Mr. Edwards' journey in the construction industry began in 1960, and over the years, he became a strong figure, leaving a lasting impact on the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors, Home Builders Association of Jackson, Home Builders Association of Mississippi, and the Mississippi Housing Institute, among many other organizations. A graduate of Central High School and an alumnus of Hinds Community College and Millsaps College, Mr. Edwards embodied the spirit of hard work, dedication, and community service throughout his career.

In 2002, Mr. Edwards was awarded Builder Member of the Year by both HBAJ and HBAM. In 2003, he served as Home Builders Association of Jackson's President and was appointed as a member of the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors, representing residential builders. His induction into the Mississippi Housing Hall of Fame in 2004 was a testament to his enduring impact on the industry.

## The Legacy of Mr. George Edwards, *a Builder and Community Leader*

Mr. Edwards played a pivotal role in shaping the construction landscape of Harrison and Rankin Counties. His visionary approach led to the development of subdivisions, apartment projects, and one of the first condominium projects on the Mississippi Coast, contributing significantly to economic growth, job creation, and the expansion of the tax base.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr. Edwards was a devoted member of the Home Builders Association, actively supporting the industry at local, state, and national levels. His advocacy extended to Washington, D.C., where he tirelessly worked to ensure housing rights for the people of Mississippi.

In his community, Mr. Edwards was more than just a builder; he was a philanthropist and a community leader. A member of the Rankin County Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow, he sponsored little league teams and contributed to the Friends of the Children's Hospital, exemplifying his commitment to the well-being of the community.

During his tenure on the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors, Mr. Edwards faced one of the nation's most significant challenges—the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. His leadership during this period showcased not only his commitment to the industry but also his dedication to serving the people of Mississippi. He played a crucial role in implementing residential actions to rebuild and recover from the devastation.

In honoring Mr. George Edwards, we pay tribute to a remarkable leader, a loving husband, devoted father, and grandfather. His legacy goes beyond

the structures he built; it encompasses the communities he enriched, the lives he touched, and the industry he tirelessly served. As we mourn his passing, we also celebrate a life well-lived and express our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues, especially his wife, Donna.

May his enduring legacy inspire future generations in the construction industry to build not only with bricks and mortar but also with the same passion, dedication, and commitment that defined the life of Mr. George Edwards.



Hollis Shoemaker & George Edwards



Donna & George Edwards





# GOLF OUTING

It was a beautiful day for golf held at **Caroline** on **Thursday, September 21** for HBAJ members. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams were Renasant Bank, Renfrow Decorative Center, and Southern Bath & Kitchen. Congratulations to Harold Cross/Ascot team for getting closest to the pin and Bill Singletary/Builder's Specialties, for longest drive. HBAJ's After Hours was held after the golf tournament in Livingston. A great group of members and golfers gathered at The Gathering.



MMC Materials Team



Jeff Salmons



Builder's Specialties Team



Ley Smith, Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting; Chris Smith, Bankfirst; Allison Seymour, Ferguson



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# TRANSFORMING — SPACES WITH — *SHERWIN-WILLIAMS®* FLOORING

In the realm of home improvement, Sherwin-Williams has become synonymous with excellence, not only in the world of paint but also in the realm of flooring. The evolution of Sherwin-Williams Flooring is a story that stems from customer demand and a commitment to providing solutions for transforming spaces.

## **1. Evolution of Sherwin-Williams Flooring: Meeting Customer Demand**

The success of Sherwin-Williams Paint Company paved the way for the birth of Sherwin-Williams Flooring. Customers, impressed by the quality of paint services, began inquiring about flooring installation. Responding to this demand, the floorcovering division was established, initially offering flooring in paint stores and later expanding across the United States and Canada. Today, Sherwin-Williams Flooring boasts a diverse range, including floor paint, concrete stains, laminate, hardwood, glue-down vinyl plank, linoleum, carpet, ceramic tile, and more.

## **2. Company Philosophy: Behind Every Great Floor, a Company You Can Count On**

Sherwin-Williams Flooring is guided by the philosophy, "Behind Every Great Floor, a Company You Can Count On." This statement propels the company to seek the best products and crew members

in the market, ensuring client satisfaction. The commitment to delivering quality work has garnered repeat clients, with a focus on guaranteeing work and providing warranties. This philosophy also underlines the importance of creating genuine connections with customers, setting Sherwin-Williams Flooring apart from the competition.

## **3. Products and Services: A Comprehensive Range for Every Home**

The company excels in installing various flooring types, from traditional options like hardwood to modern choices like glue-down vinyl plank. Additionally, Sherwin-Williams Flooring offers ceramic tile services for bathrooms and kitchens. For those interested in DIY projects, the company provides flooring products at wholesale prices.

## **4. Customer Testimonials: Speed and Quality Define the Experience**

Customer testimonials speak volumes about the company's commitment to excellence. Clients express delight in the quick turnaround from decision to installation, with some highlighting the transformative power of new floors. Property managers appreciate the unbeatable prices and helpful service provided by Sherwin-Williams Flooring.

## **5. Dedicated Team: A Lean**

## **Structure for Competitive Prices**

Sherwin-Williams Flooring maintains a lean team to offer competitive prices while ensuring top-notch service. The team includes Rob, the Branch Manager; Andrew, the Operations Manager; Kawan, the Field Technician; Jonathan and Holden, the Sales Associates. This small but dedicated group ensures that clients receive personalized attention and quality service.

## **6. Personal Connection: From Field Technician to Sales Representative**

The human touch at Sherwin-Williams Flooring is embodied by individuals like Joshua Lovell, Sales Representative. Originally from South Carolina, Josh has a deep connection to the market. Starting as a Field Technician in 2021, Josh learned the intricacies of flooring, leading to a promotion to his position in 2022. This role allows Josh to prioritize relationships and provide high-quality flooring solutions at aggressive prices.

In conclusion, Sherwin-Williams Flooring stands at the intersection of quality craftsmanship, customer satisfaction, and a commitment to transforming spaces. With a rich history rooted in customer demand and a forward-thinking philosophy, the company continues to leave an indelible mark on the flooring industry.





Harrison Bounds and Lindsey Ferguson exchanged vows on Saturday, December 30 at Bridlewood in Madison. Congrats to the new couple! Left to right in pic: Marcel Ebner, Vicky Bratton, Harrison Bounds, Chris Allen. Photo credit: Whitney Allen

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