

Clinton couple quietly makes

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Tim and Alisha Parkman of Clinton consider themselves to be ordinary people that just do what they see needs to be done. However, residents and visitors to Clinton see the impact of the couple's investment in the community every day, probably without even realizing it.

The Parkmans have made investments in the community "in areas that I think are important," Tim said.

"Tim is a spark of fire in areas that he thinks are important," Clinton Mayor Phil Fisher said. "If we could follow that example; it's an easy example to follow."

"Tim wanted to help with the vision," said Fisher. "He sees the value of preserving a downtown area, particularly the original and real Olde Towne. He's using his assets for that purpose, and the city as a whole will benefit for years and years to come."

303 Jefferson Street

The Parkmans purchased the 303 Jefferson Street building about ten years ago. The building was condemned and used for storage when they purchased it, Tim said.

"I was intrigued by the area, by the brick streets. Alisha grew up in Clinton, and I grew up in West Jackson. I think it's a charming area."

The property also appealed to the couple, because "we have a love and passion for horses," Tim said. "That building was a livery stable during the Civil War era." The livery stable was owned and operated by Capt. William Lewis. Later, the building housed a bicycle shop and then an automobile service station operated by the Ratliff brothers.

The Parkmans basically reconstructed the building, then decided the city could use a good community restaurant with Southern food during the day, and steak, fish, shrimp and seafood at night. The restaurant has been successfully operating and serving the needs of Clintonians since then.

The Bank by Pizza Shack

"We started the concept; we started from scratch," Tim said. "We

ended up with the old Deposit Guaranty Bank building (original location of The Bank of Clinton). I had the idea of coming in with a pizza and ice cream place and calling it The Bank."

Ryan Patrick, the owner of Pizza Shack, approached Tim, because he was interested in opening a Pizza Shack location in Olde Towne Clinton. His menu was exactly what Tim and Alisha were looking for, and Patrick loved the name of The Bank so much that he adapted it for his restaurant.

The location of The Bank by Pizza Shack is in the original location of The Bank of Clinton, which had the address of 202A West Leake Street. The building is easily identifiable by the exterior header bricks above the awning, which form a rectangular pattern, and the word "BANK" in relief above. The Bank of Clinton later moved to the corner building at 200 West Leake Street.

"We're not in the production business in terms of rental income. We were cautious in our approach and wanted to bring some stable concepts to the area in property we control," Tim said.

The Vault Salon

A new project, which is set to open this month (February 2021) is The Vault Salon, which is opening at 200 West Leake Street. The actual old vault of The Bank of Clinton will be the shampoo room of the salon.

"There are other bank machines there, as well, and she's (owner of The Vault Salon) going with that theme," Tim said.

The Parkmans are dedicated to preservation of the history of the

