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Tabor Construction wins statewide honors from Home Builders Assoc.

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The Home Builders Association of Mississippi (HBAM) hosts the much-anticipated Best in Mississippi Building and Remodeling Awards each November.

The Best in Mississippi Awards recognize the outstanding work of builders and remodelers throughout the state of Mississippi.

Members of the more than 4,000-member statewide trade association enter the competition in a variety of categories ranging from single-family custom and spec homes less than 1,800 square feet to more than 5,000 square feet.

Other categories include Best Kitchen, Bath, Multifamily New Construction, Commercial Building Construction, Commercial Building Remodeling and Subdivision Development of the Year.

Winners of this prestigious program are chosen by a set of five unbiased judges and judged on numerous aspects of each project.

This year, Tabor Construction & Development Inc. is the proud recipient of two awards. Recognized as the Best in Mississippi on the Multifamily Remodeling or Renovation (Under 50 Units) Category, The Pilot House at Belle Grove was a unique project for Tabor to take on. Originally offering 32 two bedroom, one bath apartments, the former Gales Apartments complex was conveniently located to Mississippi State University and the center of town.

Over time, the amenities began to fade, and without capital improvements, this property began to appear as an eyesore among the city's growth, company officials said.

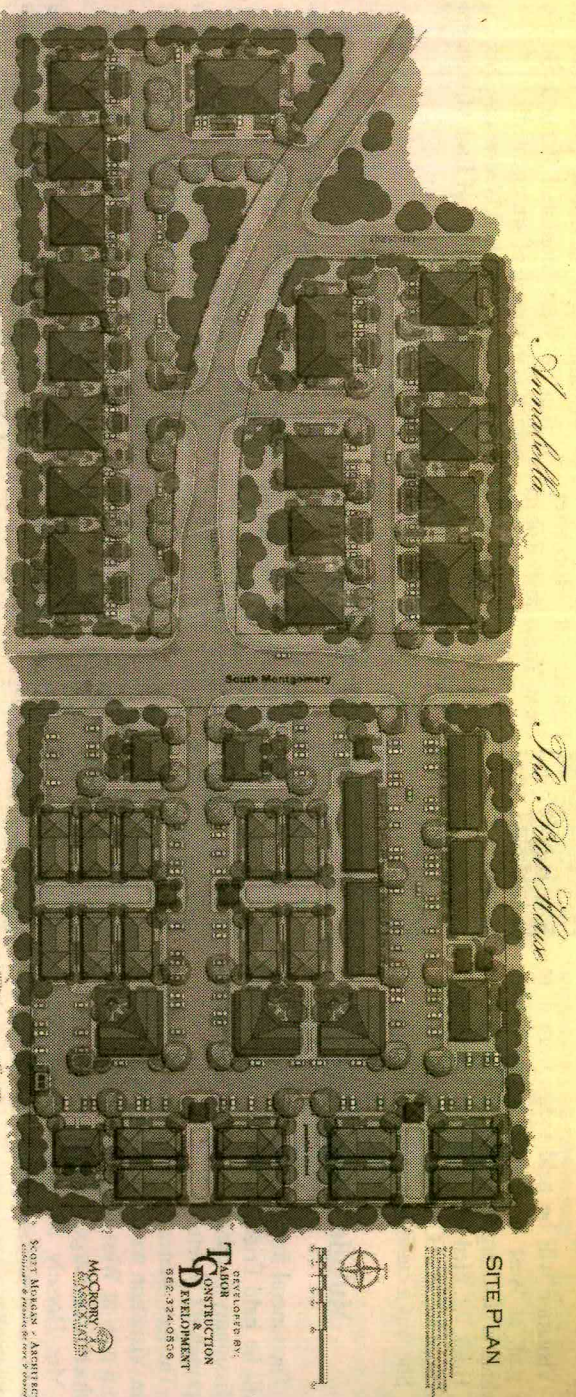
In summer 2007, Tabor Construction & Development purchased this apartment complex and renovations began in November 2007.

Market research revealed a true gap in the market for affordable, second homes and rental properties with modern luxuries, particularly units with only one bedroom.

After much deliberation, and several plan revisions, 32 one bedroom, one bath units with a study emerged. Each unit provides 733 square feet (plus or minus) of open living space. Fully equipped with a stainless appliance package, a full-size stack washer/dryer unit, granite countertops, custom cabinets and wood flooring upgrade options, the renovation of these units was completed in August 2008.

Community amenities are a great attraction to this property, company officials said. A decorative brick fence featuring gas lanterns border the entrance drive.

Walkways with brick paver accents and custom built benches complete the curb appeal. Lush landscaping, and two grilling pavilions, featuring white kiln dried maple seating and charcoal grills expand the area for outdoor living. The former washroom now provides a large bike rack accessible to all and 16 individual storage lockers designed to house tailgating accessories, making this truly the ideal location for the avid sports fan.



River Road Development



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Left: Jeremy Tabor (left), president, Tabor Construction and Development Inc.; Larry Tabor (right), past-president and founder of the company and Will Wade (center) project manager, hold 2008 Home Builders Association of Mississippi awards the company recently received. Above, the site plan for Tabor Construction & Development Inc.'s River Road development in Starkville includes two phases — The Pilot House at Belle Grove and Annabella — for which the company has received awards.

to project completion. Strict association rules and regulations require specific porch furnishings and prevent ornamental decorating of the exterior of the units, providing a uniform appearance.

Annabella Condominiums, the flagship of Tabor's River Road development on South Montgomery at Yellow Jacket Drive was also recognized as the Best in Mississippi in the Multifamily New Construction (Under 50 units) Category.

This unique condominium development showcases the finest elements of Louisiana's Creole

and Acadian influences. The diligence of Jeremy Tabor is evident upon first entrance into this project, company officials said. Attention to detail featured in the decorative brick and iron perimeter fencing and the covered verandas make this a truly authentic design. Consisting of 20 units on a 2.55 acre tract, this project features three unique French Colonial and Creole style designs ranging from 1,889 square feet to 2,500 square feet.

Custom kitchens are showcased in each unit. From the custom cabinetry and the distressed

wide plank wood flooring, to the Granite Countertops and Stainless Whirlpool Gold Appliances, buyers have the choice of several finishes to complete the interior space.

Unique lighting complimentary to the design, crown molding throughout, custom showers, 10-foot ceilings and eight foot custom stained interior doors finish the space unlike any other offered in this market.

Both Annabella and Pilot House are part of a three-phase master development, known as

River Road, offering upscale living for the weekend, empty-nester, young professional or retiree.

Established in 1989 by Larry S. Tabor, Tabor Construction & Development Inc. is a second generation family-owned business that specializes in multifamily condominium and custom residential construction. Tabor has developed areas throughout northern and eastern Mississippi including Oxford, Starkville and Tupelo.

Today, Jeremy Tabor is the

Recent awards won by Tabor Construction and Development Co.

The following is a list of awards in recent years for Tabor Construction & Development. The company has been honored by the Home Builders Association of Mississippi as the Best in Mississippi in the following categories:

- 2004 Best in Mississippi Multi-Family New Construction—Cotton Hill Condominiums, Oxford
- 2006 Best in Mississippi Large Multi-Family New Construction—Esplanade Ridge Condominiums, Oxford
- 2006 Best in Mississippi Remodel—residence, Starkville
- 2006 Best in Mississippi Custom Home 2,500-5,000 square feet—residence, Tupelo
- 2007 Best in Mississippi Custom Home 2,500-5,000 square feet Merit Award—residence, West Point
- 2008 Best in Mississippi Multifamily New Construction Under 50 Units — Annabella Condominiums, Starkville
- 2008 Best in Mississippi Multifamily Renovation or Remodel Under 50 Units — Pilot House at Belle Grove, Starkville

president of the company and his visions for the future are keeping Tabor Construction & Development ahead of the competition, company officials said. "We know that our success is a result of our meticulous attention to detail and customer satisfaction," said Tabor.

Tabor Construction & Development is dedicated to establishing and retaining highly satisfied clients by building quality products and providing superior service. Tabor said: "We strive to go the extra mile in exceeding customer expectations in design, professionalism and communication."

Phase II of Annabella has received site plan approval from the City of Starkville and Jeremy Tabor says he expects construction to start in the latter portion of 2009.

Belle Grove — the third and final phase of River Road, is slated to feature 60 residential condominium units.

Jeremy Tabor says company officials plan to get started in the early spring on Belle Grove and have units available for football season 2009.

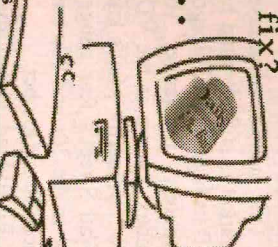
Company officials credit much of their success on these projects to their local lenders — M&F Bank and Cadence Bank.

For information on River Road, call Jeremy Tabor at 324-0506 or visit the Web site at <http://www.tabordevelopment.com>.

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