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Amber Henson, Owner/Broker of Urban Living and Development, Inc. secures a new lease at 901 Central Avenue in Hot Springs

Hot Springs, Arkansas, 5 July 2023 – The major renovation that will house chef Josh Garland’s restaurant at 901 Central Avenue was leased by Amber Henson, Owner/Broker of Urban Living and Development, Inc. The venue, Don’s Southern Social, includes more than 3,200 square feet at the corner of Market Street and Central Avenue and will open this weekend. A classically trained chef, Garland looks forward to showcasing his upscale southern cuisine in Hot Springs.

The restaurant’s development was a close collaboration between Garland and Brent Shelor, president of the Hot Springs-based architecture firm Nature's Angle and involved a major visionary renovation.

“Josh has always wanted to open a dinner restaurant, so he was excited about this opportunity. He also owns and operates Best Café & Bar at 632 Ouachita Avenue, which he launched a couple of years ago,” Director of Operations Fatima Alvirde said.

General contractor Doug Storey embraced the challenge of renovating the 1960s-era building. Storey is excited to see his hometown flourishing and is particularly gratified that the City of Hot Springs staff has been supportive and easy to work with on this and previous construction projects.

Rusty Thompson, Owner/Developer of the property, another Arkansas native, clearly likes developing properties in Hot Springs, where he now lives full-time. His hands-on approach finds him at the several job sites he oversees on the 900 block of Central Avenue and elsewhere around town.

“Buying and developing properties has been my life’s work, and I prefer urban settings like Downtown Hot Springs. I’m happy to contribute to the progress in this part of the city. This area is becoming the place to be now,” said Thompson.

Don’s Southern Social was the first to sign up to lease the newly developed property and joins three other establishments that are redefining the 900 block of Downtown Hot Springs in the newly renovated buildings.

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