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Meet Trish and Dan Maddox

If you're walking the halls in Bergen and come across a license plate from Mississippi, chances are pretty good you're in front of the unit where Dan and Trish Maddox live. They officially became tenants in January of this year.

They'd been born and raised in Mississippi – in Alcorn County in the very northeastern part of the state on the Tennessee line. They married right out of high school.

It was a rural area – a railroad town where several railroads intersect. The nearby Shiloh Battlefield, which straddles the border of the two states, has become a touristy area because of the recently built Civil War Interpretive Center. Back in 1862, about 65,000 Union troops and 44,000 Confederate troops faced off in a two-day battle that left the strategic area under the control of Ulysses S. Grant.

Growing up there was like Leave it to Beaver, Trish explained. "Everybody knew everybody else. When we went outside to play, the only time we came in was to get a drink of water or to go to the bathroom. But once the sun went down, we came home. Parents didn't have to worry."

Crime was high for awhile, but not more recently, she said. "People could get whiskey across the line in Tennessee and come back.... For awhile it was known as Little Chicago because of the bootlegging."

They lived in Starkville while Dan was attending Mississippi State University and then moved to Jackson,

Mississippi. Dan worked, and she studied nursing. They moved back to Starkville in 1986, calling it home for the past 36 years. Dan and Trish describe the area as having a lot of retirees – and just about any kind of entertainment you'd want – community theatre, baseball, basketball, football. "We had a family of friends there."

As a young married couple they worked and joined civic clubs like the Jaycees and Rotary, "working a lot of concession stands to raise money for scholarships." At one point Dan headed up the Jaycees for the State of Mississippi. At church Trish was involved in a program for women to mentor students at the university. Dan was active at the Baptist Student Union.

"We just loved it there. We'd planned on staying there forever, but that just didn't work out." Health issues got in the way.

They'd raised two children while in Starkville – and two grandchildren for ten years. Trish was a nurse case

manager, helping residents of rural areas to find needed medical care. For a time she worked at a blood bank. Having been diagnosed with lupus, she couldn't work in a hospital setting and be exposed to infectious diseases. For 21 years, her case management work put her in contact with attorneys, doctors, and patients.

Dan's work for the US Department of Agriculture centered around development – lending money on



Behind every angry soul is a wounded child that just wanted you to love them for who they are.

-- Sharon L. Alder

Memo from the Manager

Reminder to be aware of your neighbors and the noise that may transfer from your unit to theirs.

Reminder that putting out bird seed is not allowed. It attracts rodents to the buildings, and your bottom floor neighbors get unwanted visitors. Hummingbird feeders and water bowls are welcome though!

-- Kathy

Brian Vitello, 315B

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farms and cattle as well as building houses, apartments, and water systems in rural areas. He traveled a lot within the southeastern part of the US.

Dan golfed, and Trish was an avid reader – still is. She liked to cook and entertain. “We traveled some but not as much as we’d hoped to.” They enjoyed cruises to Europe, Alaska, and Mexico until travel got hard for Trish.

Dan grew up on a farm and still owns a farm back in Mississippi, property he inherited from his parents.

Because their daughter lives in Evergreen, they’d been here quite a few times. During one visit in 2020 Trish had to have emergency surgery in Denver, then more surgery in 2021, spending about 5-6 weeks in the hospital. And in the midst of all that, Dan had a stroke. Moving here just made sense.

“I appreciate seeing how people get involved here in Evergreen,” Trish remarks.

Trish sums it up as follows: “It’s been a quiet life, but it’s been a good life.”

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