



People, PICKLES, Paper, Pine & PECANS

The Stone County Telling Trees

*The Newest Murals -
Now the County of 14 Murals*

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Although Stone County is still known for their pines, poles and a booming timber industry, many people don't know that Stone County/Wiggins was once known as the largest producer of Pickles in the United States. Celebrating the time when vast *pickle fields* (that's what the growers called the cucumber fields) dotted the county and the main industry was the Pickle Plant, Stone County's new Mosaic tile **Pickle** mural is located at Blaylock Park near the Pine and Red Creek murals in downtown Wiggins, MS. Mural Artist Elizabeth Veglia joined with MGCCC Art Instructor Sandra Cassibry and her students to recreate the pickle journey from the field to the vats.

In Stone County, the celebration always continues with the story gathering and tellin! Pecan House's original structure was origi-

Phyllis Overstreet-Shoemake (Pecan House owner, McHenry MS) shares a story with Leonard Blackwell, Gulfport attorney (famous for his Perk paper boy stories).

Leonard retells the pickle stories to Wiggins children Edee and Avery Liles on the front porch of the Pecan House.

