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**Special Edition** 

# The Best Dam Food Festival is gearing up to be a seriously tasty event!

Caroline Hasty

Get ready for an unforgettable culinary experience at the upcoming Best Dam Food Festival, boasting a mouthwatering array of over 23 delectable food options, including everything from succulent lobsters to tantalizing ice cream and sizzling BBQ!

In collaboration with esteemed partners such as PuckerButt Pepper Company, The Rock Hill Coca Cola Company, Dicks Sporting Goods, and Piedmont Medical Center, we're thrilled to ignite the night with unparalleled excitement at the inaugural Best Dam Food Festival.

Kickstarting the festivities at 2 pm on the main stage, brace yourself for a dynamic opening ceremony featuring WSOC-TV's Meteorologist Keith Monday and local media personality Laurabree Monday, who will join forces with the Tega Cay City Council amidst the cool jazz vibes of Gold Hill Middle School Jazz band. As the sun sets, get ready to groove to the country tunes of Krista Lynn Meadows, followed by the infectious summer hits of Tim Clark. Closing out the night in spectacular fashion, indulge in a mesmerizing tribute to Bruno Mars by 24K Magic that will have you dancing until the stars fade.



But the excitement doesn't end there! Throughout the day, families can enjoy a plethora of entertainment options, including a vibrant kids zone where little ones can frolic on games and inflatables for just \$10. Plus, test your mettle on the mechanical bull sponsored by The Carmen Miller Group—it's free for all! And let's not forget the arts and crafts, along with a tantalizing selection of foods, desserts, and snacks that promise to delight every palate.

So, grab your favorite hat and get ready for a dam good time celebrating food, fun, and the scenic beauty of Catawba Park. Don't miss out on what promises to be an unforgettable culinary extravaganza!

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### Tim Clark Aims to Give Tega Cay a "Night to Remember"

Patrick Byrne, Editor

Before American Idol, The Voice or America's Got Talent, there was Star Search. The show originally aired from 1983-1995 and was hosted by Ed McMahon, the venerable sidekick of Johnny Carson. Similar to the talent shows of today, many singers and musicians got their start playing in front of a captive TV audience.

LeAnn Rimes is probably the most well known winner of Star Search, but plenty of other bands competed and gained notoriety as well. One of those bands was Sugar Creek, contestants in the second year of the show in 1984. The band was led by a singer who was small in stature but more than held his own on the national stage. The singer's name was Tim Clark.

Tim Clark hails from Frankfurt, a small town in Kentucky. A self proclaimed jock in his youth, the direction of his life changed when he decided to step away from a football scholarship at Morehead State University after his freshman year. With no plan B, Tim had to start moving in a direction, any direction.

Having played in a country band during his youth, he figured it made sense to "try this singing thing." He proceeded to take singing lessons at Kentucky State University and began to learn the basics.



On a dreary day within that one room office, the duo received a call from Dave Fisher, owner of East Coast Management in Charlotte, NC. He was looking for a guitar player and singer to join an established band called Sugar Creek. Jim responded that he "knows a guy, he's young, but he has something." The young guy Jim mentioned was sitting right beside him in the person of Tim Clark.

Tim ended up joining the band and eventually became the lead singer. He played with Sugar Creek for ten years, initially finding success in the south and then expanding to the north once Star Search aired. According to Tim, they played "all over New York state" and pretty much every other state across the eastern seaboard and panhandle of America. "I got paid to have a good time." says Tim.

The band even recorded an album in Europe, finding a new group of Non-American fans who were just as loyal and excited to hear them play.

Although there was success, everything has a way of running its course. At the age of 30, Tim decided it was time to move on, "if I'm going to do something, now's the time." He went solo and founded the Tim Clark Band, playing in clubs and venues across North and South Carolina and beyond.

"I love great music. I live a very charmed life, I'm not complaining. I'm much more grateful now for what I've accomplished than I ever was before."

Retiring from the business in 2022 due to burnout, Tim and his wife Marsha split their time between Mt. Airy and North Myrtle Beach where Tim sells commercial real estate. Although he has retired from regular touring, he hasn't retired from music altogether.

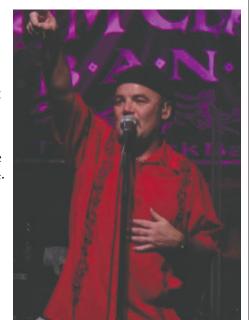
He and his son Brandon are working on an album together. The collaboration will include all original songs and should be available next year.

Asked why he's excited to play the Tega Cay Best Dam Food Festival, Tim was very complimentary of Caroline Hasty, Tega Cay City Event Manager. "She gets it. She's all about the experience. She's very good at her job and she goes all out for people. You can't ask for more than that."

As is the case with most of us, Tim has a few things that he'd change in life. Finishing college and gaining a degree is one of them. This would have allowed him to coach sports, which is a passion that he loves. However, when pressed, he went on to say, "One little change, changes a lot. I'd be scared to say that I'd change anything."

With a set that will include originals and covers from the Little River Band to Miley Cyrus, Tim and his band are sure to keep you entertained. "I love to see people smile. I pride myself on making the audience part of the whole experience."

"I'm going to give them a night to remember."



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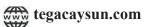
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# **Tega Cay Shop Offers Best Dam Festival Merchandise** and More

### Patrick Byrne, Editor

Several years ago, Maureen (Mo) Norcutt found herself moving across the country with her then husband in order to be closer to his daughter. The town, and place where they landed, was Tega Cay, South Carolina.

Mo was instantly drawn in by her new neighbors, "the people remind me a lot of what Colorado used to be like. Really nice and open people."

Colorado, or more specifically Denver, is where Mo had grown up and lived much of her life aside from time spent in Chicago and New York. She remembers Denver as a welcoming city where there was "plenty of stuff to do as a child. You could climb trees, dig holes, all that fun kind of stuff."

She sees that same "fun kind of stuff" to do right here in Tega Cay. This became even more important when she had her little girl Violet, now 2 years old.

Not too long ago, Mo had been living in New York City, working in high fashion as an apparel designer and product developer. She lived in the city for 6 years, routinely working 12 hour days, 6-7 days a week.

A bad fall resulting in torn arm and shoulder tendons along with her Mom becoming ill, precipitated a move back to Denver where she'd eventually meet her future husband.

She continues to provide freelance work for many of the large fashion companies; however, her passion now lies in building her own business.



Opened a little over a year ago, The Tega Cay Shop (thetegacayshop.com) aims to provide residents of Tega Cay with promotional items that capture the essence of where we live. "I feel like there's a lot of pride being part of the Tega Cay community, so the whole goal is to tap into that," said Mo.

Mo has a long term goal to have a brick and mortar shop. For now, you can find ready made shirts, tote bags and stickers in her online store. If you're unable to find what you're looking for or have something custom in mind, she

can help with that as well.

You can even bring your product to her, she can use your designs or work with you to make a design you want. Unlike most large print companies, there are no minimum orders. With t-shirts starting at \$15 and hats as low as \$10, you'd be hard pressed to find a better deal on custom designed products.

Although she's lived here for a relatively short time, that hasn't stopped Mo from getting involved. She served on the Tega Cay Forever Foundation board last year and is currently serving on the Tega Cay Storm Water Board. She also volunteers her time to the Tega Cay Wildlife Conservation Society.

As the primary vendor for the city, she manages all promotional items associated with events in Tega Cay. This includes the Best Dam Food Festival, where she created a custom shirt, available for order on her website. Her primary vendor status also affords her the opportunity to provide a portion of her profit directly back to the city.

When you add it all up, it's the best Dam deal in town (sorry, I had to do it one more time)!

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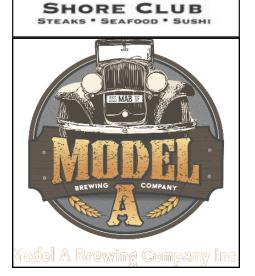
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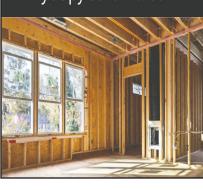
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# Introducing the Trya Cay Sun

The Tega Cay Sun is a local newspaper dedicated to delivering timely and relevant news to the residents of Tega Cay, South Carolina. Founded in June 2023 by Thomas Hyslip, the Sun fills a gap in the area's news coverage, focusing on hyper-local news that larger outlets often miss. It started with a simple idea. Bring daily local news to our community, free of charge.

The Sun stands as a source of information for the Tega Cay community. It not only breaks pivotal stories that resonates with residents but also offers a platform for community members to share their own news and experiences. By prioritizing local news coverage, the Sun cultivates a profound sense of community, ensuring that residents remain well-informed about the issues that hold the greatest significance in their daily lives.

The Sun goes beyond just reporting the news. The Sun is committed to supporting the community and its businesses. It offers affordable advertising options for local businesses and see them as partners in the community's success.

### From Online to Print: Reaching the Community

The Tega Cay Sun started as adaily online publication but has expanded to include a monthly printed edition available at various locations throughout Tega Cay. Home delivery is also available for those who prefer to receive the paper at their doorstep. While initially focused solely on Tega Cay, the Sun now covers important news in surrounding areas like Fort Mill and York County, recognizing the interconnectedness of these communities.

In March 2024 the The Tega Cay Sun was accepted as a member publicantion of the South Carolina Press Assocation, formely recognizing the Sun as one of 84 print newspapers in South Carolina.

### **Meet the Editors**

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Patrick Byrne: Patrick lives in Tega Cay with his wife and two daughters. After 25 years working for a Big 4 bank where he held multiple marketing/communication roles, he retired from the corporate world to pursue his passion for writing. An opportunity to partner with Tom and develop a local paper proved too enticing to turn down. Patrick is a graduate of Winthrop University where he majored in Communications. Patrick can be reached at patrickbyrne@tegacaysun.com

#### The Tega Cay Sun: More Than Just News

The Tega Cay Sun is a shining example of the importance of local journalism. It reminds us that the stories closest to home are often the ones that matter most. The Sun's commitment to the community and dedication to providing quality local news make them an indispensable part of Tega Cay.













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