

PHARMACY: Pharmacist/owner, Table Rock Pharmacy, Morganton, N.C., since March 2019.

AGE: 38

EDUCATION: University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy, 2008.

FAMILY: Husband, Michael; two children, Hayden, 8, and Katelyn, 6; and an almost 2-year-old Lab named Kona.

NEVER SAY NEVER: Jessi's parents founded Table Rock Pharmacy in 1990. She had no plans to become a pharmacist. In college at UNC, she couldn't decide on a major. Finally, she surprised herself. "I decided to try pharmacy just to see what happened. I thought I'd give it a shot."

BIG DECISION: After earning her PharmD, Jessi worked in several roles in the medical field. Her parents started talking about retiring and selling the pharmacy. They never pushed her to come back to Morganton, but Jessi felt that she needed to seriously consider it. "I had some concerns," she said. "But I knew that if I didn't do it, I'd always wonder." In March 2019, she bought the pharmacy. "My parents have been very gracious about it. They were ready to take a step back."

COMPLEMENTARY SKILLS: Jessi's husband joined the business full time in 2021. He's a graphic artist with experience in marketing. "It's worked out well. I look at things from the medical side, and he sees everything with fresh eyes. He's very creative."

KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES: Table Rock uses videos – often light-hearted ones – to push their messages out over social media channels. "We live in the age of TikTok."

PHARMACY PASSION: "Figuring out how to stay relevant, keeping up with the newest initiatives."

NCPA'S VALUE TO ME: "I love resources like the webinars. I might not be able to catch them live but the replays help me feel prepared and confident."



Jessi Stout, PharmD

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