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Artist Jim Juras watches Wednesday evening as Clemson football coach Dabo Swinney adds his signature to Juras' mural on the side of The Scoop, an ice cream shop on Main Street in Six Mile.

## Tiger coach Swinney adds signature to Six Mile mural

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SIX MILE — The eye-catching mural on the side of a Six Mile ice cream shop received an additional artistic flourish Wednesday evening — the signature of Clemson football Coach Dabo Swinney.

The mural outside The Scoop is the work of artist Jim Juras and took him about four months to complete.

Scoop owners Jennifer and Scott Pagano, whose son Scott played defensive line for Swinney's Tigers from 2013-2016, put out a call for artists to decorate the side of the building.

"We wanted someone that could paint a mural," Jennifer said. "But it couldn't be just any mural. It had to be somebody that knew Six Mile and would come out and meet us and hear what was important to us and ... what was important to people in Six Mile."

The Paganos received hundreds of



Clemson football coach Dabo Swinney shares a laugh with Carol Beavers as he signs a \$2 bill for her Wednesday at The Scoop in Six Mile.

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responses, and a handful of people came out to meet them.

Juras was the only one who came out twice.

“He submitted the most amazing sketch ever, and it’s what you see,” Jennifer said. “He blew everybody away. He nailed everything.”

The mural spells out the name of the town and features local landmarks such as Six Mile’s Town Hall, nods to the area’s Cherokee heritage, Six Mile’s Medal of Honor recipients and a depiction of Seth King, Juras’ grandson, eating ice cream.

On the “X” in Six Mile, there’s a Carolina Wren sitting on an Oconee Bell.

Juras had the idea to ask Swinney to sign the mural. Swinney has also signed the “Welcome to Seneca” mural Juras painted in downtown Seneca.

Swinney and his brother, Tracy, visited The Scoop on Wednesday evening, and it didn’t take long for Swinney to notice that some of the Clemson beanbags used for corn hole outside the shop have ended up on the roof.

“That’s a long way from that hole right there,” he said. “That’s some bad tosses right there.”

The mural features a College Football Playoff national championship trophy and lists the years the Tigers have won the national title.

“He even left room for more championships,” said Jennifer.

Juras agreed.

“At least two years, I think I can paint easily,” he said. “Looking forward to it.”

After a couple of practice signatures on a piece of poster board, Swinney was ready to sign, adding “All In” and his signature to the football under the national championship trophy that makes up the letter “I” on the mural.

“This is awesome,” Swinney said. “I’m honored. It’s an amazing piece of art. Jim did an awesome job pulling it



**Artist Jim Juras signs his mural on the side of The Scoop in Six Mile on Wednesday.**

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together, capturing everything the Paganos wanted it to capture, in representing them and Six Mile and The Scoop. I’m just honored to be able to come out here and participate.”

Asked about the extra space for future championship years, he said he was “glad they left room for growth.”

“That’s very important,” Swinney said. “We’ve got room to grow. So hopefully we can definitely add to it as we go. Maybe make him have to bring a whole other letter in here and have to redo that. That’d be even better.”

The Swinneys received a sweet reward for coming out — scoops of ice cream.

Juras has also painted murals at Keowee Key’s fitness center, Patriot’s Hall in Walhalla and the “Welcome to Seneca” mural in downtown Seneca.

The Patriot’s Hall mural took Juras about a year to complete, he said.

“It was nine panels that depict each of the wars the United States fought in, from the Revolutionary all the way to Iraq and Afghanistan,” Juras said.

After the Swinneys left, Juras took a moment to add his own signature to his work.

“I don’t do this as a business,” Juras said. “I just do it for fun.”

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