

# The Saddlebag

Winter 2010-11

Dispatches from a place of lakes, lariats and wonderful living in Spencer, Tennessee.



THE LONG BRANCH LAKES GENERAL STORE. THE PUMPKINS SEEN IN THE FOREGROUND WERE GROWN HERE IN THE COMMUNITY.



**THE KEYS, PLEASE!** ON AUGUST 20, THE CEREMONIAL KEYS TO THE LONG BRANCH LAKES GENERAL STORE (ABOVE) WERE LOVINGLY PASSED FROM THE BUILDER TO THE DEVELOPER, UNLOCKING A FUTURE OF FOOD AND FUN FOR RESIDENTS. BELOW: RICK KLEWEIN, DEVELOPMENT PARTNER (LEFT) AND LADONNA BARTON, MANAGING PARTNER (FAR RIGHT), ARE ALL SMILES AS THEY RECEIVE THE CEREMONIAL KEYS TO THE COMMUNITY'S GENERAL STORE FROM GREG PADGETT OF RJK HOMES, THE PROJECT'S BUILDER.



## The New Long Branch Lakes General Store is Now Open!

THE ROAD SIGN OUTSIDE SAYS IT'S THE CORNER OF LONG BRANCH ROAD AND CAMP CREEK ROAD, but everything inside the new Long Branch Lakes General Store says that this is now the inviting intersection of food, fun and good times!

For countless years throughout our nation's history, a community's general store was the center of commerce and the favored spot for gathering with friends and neighbors. And so it is now as this happy hub overlooking Camp Lake has opened its doors to warmly welcome residents and visitors to enter and enjoy all its relaxing and rewarding pleasures.

Two recent ceremonies marked the completion of the General Store and officially signaled its much anticipated arrival to life at Long Branch Lakes. On August 20, project vendors, property owners, developers and friends gathered at the Store for a festive celebration and dinner served by its kitchen team. After dinner, all eyes watched with excitement as the the project's builder passed a hefty ring of ceremonial, antique keys into the hands of the developers who accepted them on behalf of the community.

September 25, a memorable day of celebration, snapshots and broad smiles, commenced with a bit of scissor work. With over 150 well-wishers gathered just beyond the Store's front porch, a wide yellow ribbon was cut by Herbert P. Davis, Mayor of Van Buren County, and the Long Branch Lakes General Store Grand Opening festivities began!

At tables beneath soaring beamed ceilings and on the large screened rear porch overlooking Camp Lake, attendees were treated to

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Finished. Furnished. Fabulous.  
The Condominium Residences of Trout Hill



THE VISION FOR LONG BRANCH LAKES has always been to embrace and reward a variety of residential lifestyle options. And with the completion of the first Trout Hill

Condominium building, that vision has now been wonderfully realized.

The Condominiums of Trout Hill are a development project of Ivy Investments, Inc., headed by builder Cliff Davidson who has personally overseen virtually every facet of the year-long construction project. "I'm proud to be responsible for the building and delivery of such an important project that must be attractive to prospective Trout Hill residents while maintaining the extraordinary quality

standards that exist throughout Long Branch Lakes," said Davidson.

The setting for Trout Hill is deeply wooded and private with lake views. This first building, like the seven others that will follow, is a three-story structure comprised of eight gracious, single-floor residences in both two- and three-bedroom floorplans.

"As a retirement or vacation home, Trout Hill residences offer elegant mountain living with freedom from maintenance and full access to all the community's recreational and equestrian amenities. And at prices

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THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONIES THAT OFFICIALLY OPENED THE NEW LONG BRANCH LAKES GENERAL STORE. LEFT TO RIGHT: RAY TALBERT, PRESIDENT OF HOMELAND COMMUNITY BANK; LADONNA BARTON OF LONG BRANCH LAKES; HERBERT P. DAVIS, MAYOR OF VAN BUREN COUNTY; RICK KLEWEIN OF LONG BRANCH LAKES; RANDALL HARRRELL OF HOMELAND COMMUNITY BANK.



ABOVE LEFT: THE REAR SCREENED PORCH OF THE GENERAL STORE WITH ITS GREAT VIEWS OUT TOWARD CAMP LAKE. RELAXING AND DINING CAN BE ENJOYED HERE YEAR-ROUND, THANKS TO THE WARMTH OF THE PORCH'S OLD-FASHIONED WOOD-BURNING STOVE. ABOVE RIGHT: FROM FISHING GEAR AND APPAREL TO GREAT MEALS AND GROCERY SHOPPING, TRIPS TO THE GENERAL STORE ARE A FUN-FILLED EXPERIENCE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.



FROM ITS TALL CEILINGS TO ITS WOOD FLOORS, THE GENERAL STORE IS THE NEW CENTER OF LIFE AT LONG BRANCH LAKES.

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## The General Store Opens!

the General Store's first official lunch! This historic first menu—featuring chicken with all the trimmings, a family potato salad recipe by LaDonna Barton and wonderful baked apples and peach cobbler by kitchen staff member Scott Swartz—suggests the hearty, homemade goodness and authentic southern classics that can be ordered-up at the General Store year-round.

Whether seated at indoor tables, on the porch or at the counter (with great views of the kitchen action), diners can enjoy hearty country breakfast items and, for lunch, a delightful variety of made-to-order sandwiches, salads, fresh-baked pizza, burgers, beverages, beer selections and much more.

### BRING YOUR GROCERY LIST.

The General Store lives up to its name with a thoughtful array of everyday necessities and food provisions. From general grocery staples and frozen foods to meats, specialty items, beverages and gourmet selections, residents can pick up needed items on the way home or stock their pantry for a week of meals.

### GREAT MERCHANDISE, TOO!

Browsers wanted! The General Store is a delightful repository of specialty merchandise, gift ideas and more, including community logo'd apparel items. And anglers shouldn't miss "Jeremy's Bait & Tackle" corner, featuring complete fishing gear for every experience level.

### GENERAL STORE HOURS

The Long Branch Lakes General Store is open Monday through Saturday from 7am to 6pm. To contact the General Store, call (423) 881-5904, or email to: [generalstore@longbranchlakes.com](mailto:generalstore@longbranchlakes.com).

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## The Condominium Residences of Trout Hill



starting in the \$270s, fully furnished, Trout Hill residences are undoubtedly among the best home values anywhere," added Davidson.

### FULLY FURNISHED AND READY FOR LONG BRANCH LAKES LIVING!

Visitors who tour the Trout Hill condominiums are invariably delighted to learn that residence sales prices include an ample furnishings package that provides designer-selected furnishings in all living areas and bedrooms—from sofas, chairs and lamps to complete dining rooms, beds and framed artwork. Additionally, residence kitchens are fully-equipped with refrigerator, stove, dishwasher and microwave.

For both the two-bedroom floorplans (1,497 to 1,567 sq. ft., including balcony or terrace) and the three-bedroom floorplans (1,570 sq. ft., including balcony), purchasers may choose from three distinctive packages through which to express their personal preferences in the furniture styles, themes and fabrics of their Trout Hill residence. "We recognize that people have different desires for interior aesthetics and strive to offer realistic choices," said Bonnie Upton, the project's interior designer. To learn more about the Trout Hill furnishing packages, visit [longbranchlakes.com](http://longbranchlakes.com).

### TROUT HILL, THROUGH TWO SETS OF EYES

On a tour of Trout Hill Condominiums with developer and builder Cliff Davidson as guide, one finds themselves immersed in the brilliant, nuts-and-bolts construction story behind these beautiful facades of rough-sawn timbers and stacked stones. Cliff will enthusiastically explain the structural, environmental and sound-proofing benefits of the ICF (Insulated Concrete Form) load-bearing walls used in the project...the high efficiency ratings and annual savings of the homes' doors, windows and HVAC systems...the energy savings gained with on-demand water heaters...and the built-in pre-wiring for high-tech communications systems and fiber optics.

And to tour Trout Hill with Mark and Mary-Jo Patterson (the couple who are its first residents) is to gain a decidedly more aesthetic and emotional look at life here. The Pattersons will tell you about their love for the open, flowing floorplans...the ease with which Cliff Davidson handled their customization requests...the completeness of the furnishing packages they chose for their home...the wonderful views from their private balcony...the delights of cooking for friends in the gourmet kitchen, the warmth of the great room's fireplace and the convenience of covered, ground floor parking.

To gain your perspective on all the pleasures of life at Trout Hill Condominiums, contact your Long Branch Lakes property consultant or visit [longbranchlakes.com](http://longbranchlakes.com).



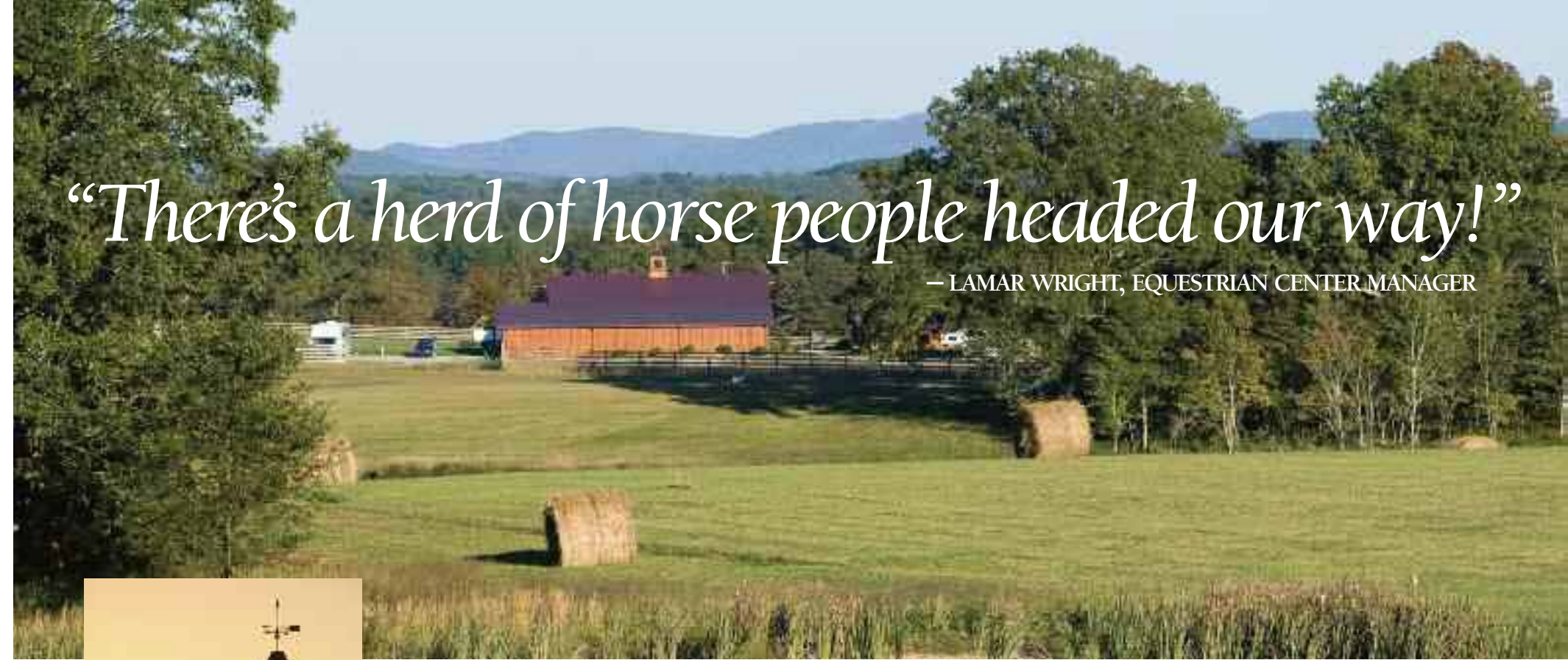
A FULLY EQUIPPED KITCHEN AT TROUT HILL.



TROUT HILL DINING ROOMS ARE FULLY FURNISHED AND READY FOR ENTERTAINING.

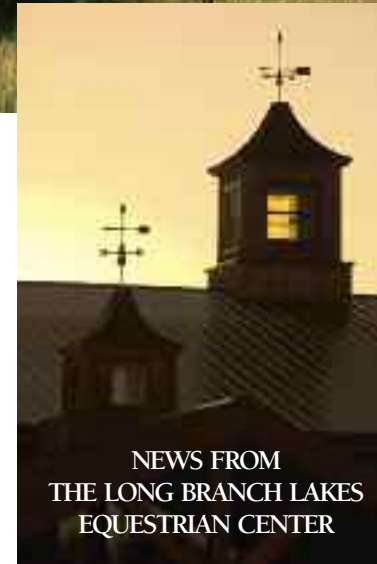


FIREPLACES, VIEWS AND BEAUTIFUL FURNISHING PACKAGES PUT THE GREAT IN GREAT ROOMS AT TROUT HILL.



“There’s a herd of horse people headed our way!”

— LAMAR WRIGHT, EQUESTRIAN CENTER MANAGER



NEWS FROM THE LONG BRANCH LAKES EQUESTRIAN CENTER

IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH LAMAR AND VANESSA WRIGHT, the managers of the Long Branch Lakes Equestrian Center, the pair had lots of news to share about how the Center is attracting and delighting folks from near and far. "The developers of Long Branch Lakes have invested millions in making this a one-of-a-kind equestrian community and the word is out. Each week, horse lovers call and horse trailers arrive. Folks want to know more about the opportunity to experience life here," stated Lamar.

Yet the two Equestrian Center managers were the most eager to share a trilogy of fascinating stories about three Long Branch Lakes property owners and how the profound attractions of the community have led them to build a life around its equestrian pleasures even before they build their home here!

### THE HAWKINS: TWO GLOBE TROTTERS. TWO TENNESSEE WALKERS

David and Cheryl Hawkins, from North Redington Beach, Florida, first visited Long Branch Lakes in August of last year and recently purchased sizable acreage in the Equestrian Village on which they will soon build a home for themselves and stables for their beloved Tennessee Walkers, *Candy* and *Jesse*.

With a desire for world travel and the need for horse care while globe trotting, the couple departed Florida and arrived at Long Branch Lakes in their RV with horses in tow this past July. While residing in their RV parked at the Equestrian Center (they stayed through October), the couple immediately began to enjoy daily trail rides amid Tennessee's cooler-than-Florida summer weather. And when the couple's wanderlust took them to Hawaii, Lamar and Vanessa provided loving vacation care for their two horses. Just prior to the Hawkins' departure on their next trip, an African safari, *Candy* developed an extremely serious infection. Lamar and Vanessa swiftly swung into action, marshalling the skills of the Equestrian Center's veterinarian in diagnosing the life-threatening illness. Lamar and Vanessa then handled the daily medications and intensive treatments that began to heal it and which enabled the Hawkins to travel as planned. When they returned from Africa in mid-October, *Candy* was ready again for riding!

And when Cheryl mentioned her desire to purchase a third Tennessee Walker (as a backup horse), the ever-resourceful Vanessa knew just the right breeder and found just the right horse from just the right blood line. The Hawkins purchased the three-year old gelding, named *Josey*, who is being trained now under Lamar's skilled hands and will be ready to ride when the Hawkins return to Long Branch Lakes next Spring.

### A PASSIONATE HORSE WOMAN DECIDES TO 'PARK AND RIDE'

As visiting riders and their horses come and go, the trailer lot at the Equestrian Center bustles with activity. But one vehicle, an RV owned by Stacey Johnson, has taken up permanent residence at the community. Stacey, from Marshall, NC, where she owns a real estate company as well as a farm and ten horses, visited Long Branch Lakes, toured the Equestrian Center and in June, purchased a homesite in The Woodlands section of Long Branch Lakes.

Though her plans call for her to retire (and build) here at some time in the future, Stacey was eager to begin enjoying riding at Long Branch Lakes now! Thus, she keeps her specially outfitted RV stored at Long Branch Lakes for use during her regular monthly visits to the Equestrian Center to trail ride. Stacey is already well immersed in all the pleasures of life at Long Branch Lakes, participating in both the recent charity fishing tournament and the October 23rd Harvest Moon moonlight ride.

### AS SHE MAKES JEWELRY, THEY BOTH MAKE PLANS

Suzanne Storms and David Dresdner are wife and husband from Whippany, NJ who first visited Long Branch Lakes in the summer of 2009 and purchased a homesite this past August. And while the couple's new home is still in the early design stages, they are residing at a rented condo in nearby Crossville so that they can begin enjoying life at the community even before construction on their home begins!

Suzanne's love of all things horse related goes beyond her love of riding. For years, she has been creating exquisite jewelry—bracelets, necklaces, earrings and more—from horse hair! Each of Suzanne's stunning creations is hand made by Master Jeweler, Tony Paris and then adorned with horse hair by Suzanne in the tradition of the great Victorian hair weavers of the 19th century. To learn more, visit [suzannestorms.com](http://suzannestorms.com).

SUZANNE STORMS (WEARING EARRINGS AND NECKLACE FROM HER HORSE HAIR JEWELRY COLLECTION) WITH HER DOGS WILLOW AND PATCHES.



## Sales are Galloping at The Bunkhouses!

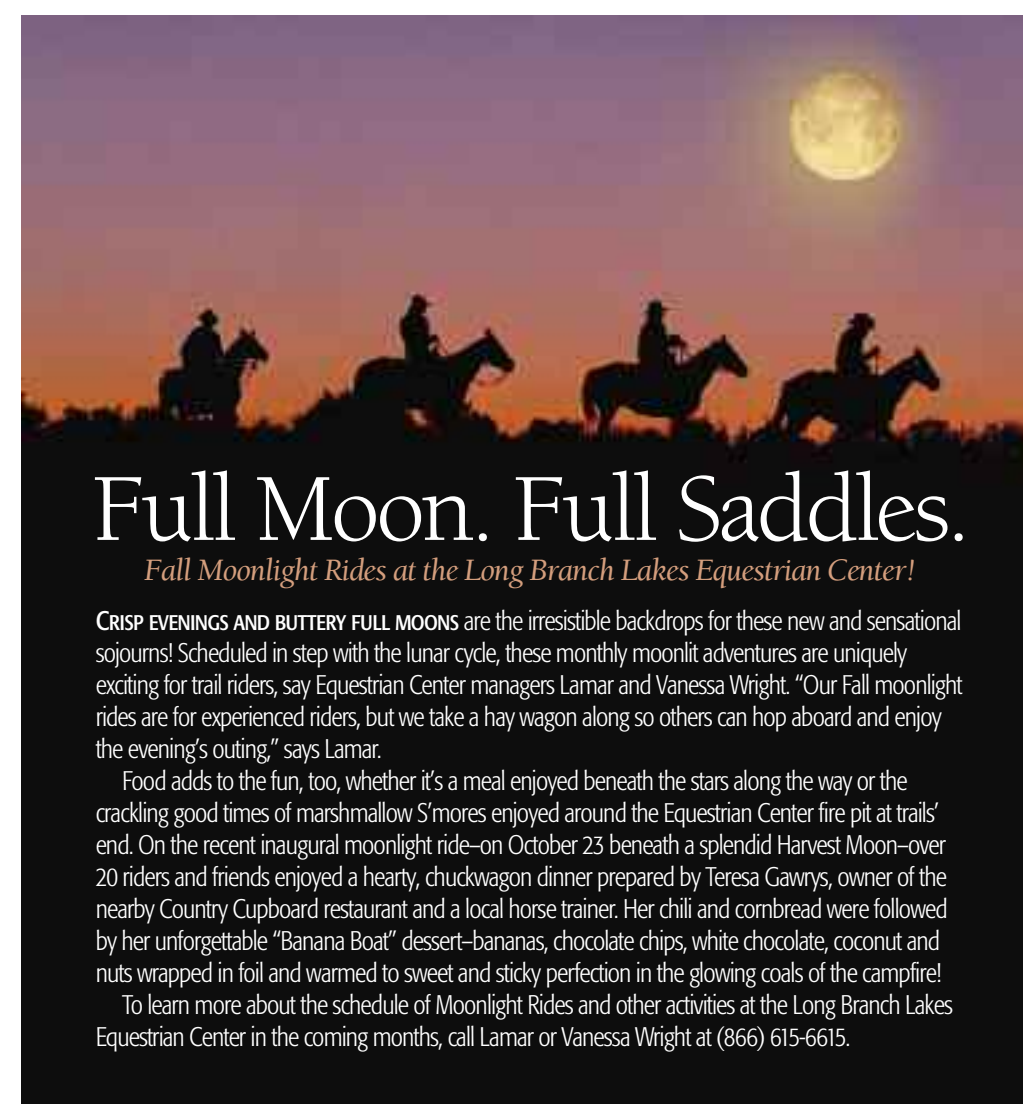
IN 2009, WHEN THE DEVELOPERS OF LONG BRANCH LAKES set aside the prized site in the community's 1,000-acre Equestrian Village that would be known as The Bunkhouses, they envisioned an exclusive enclave (just ten homesites) where residents could enjoy the ultimate in equestrian-center living.

And judging from the pace of recent sales (only four homesites remain), The Bunkhouses are precisely what horse lovers long for! On a gentle rise fronted by wide pastures, each of the one-acre homesites overlook the Equestrian Center and are a short walk away from its barns, riding arena and 30 miles of riding trails. The rear boundaries of seven of the homesites edge a small creek, while the other three are beautifully backed by a fishing lake. "When folks who are avid horse people tour The Bunkhouses homesites, you see their eyes light up as they begin to imagine living in a place where they can walk to the barns and ride every

day," said Buddy Frazier, Long Branch Lakes Sales Manager.

The first residence at The Bunkhouses is nearing completion (see page 6), and with five other new Bunkhouses property owners (see back cover), even more will be rising soon.

For more information on the remaining four homesites (3, 6, 7 and 8) at the Equestrian Village Bunkhouses contact your Long Branch Lakes Property Consultant to arrange a tour. Additional information, including site plan and sale prices, is available by visiting [longbranchlakes.com](http://longbranchlakes.com).



## Full Moon. Full Saddles.

Fall Moonlight Rides at the Long Branch Lakes Equestrian Center!

CRISP EVENINGS AND BUTTERY FULL MOONS are the irresistible backdrops for these new and sensational sojourns! Scheduled in step with the lunar cycle, these monthly moonlit adventures are uniquely exciting for trail riders, say Equestrian Center managers Lamar and Vanessa Wright. "Our Fall moonlight rides are for experienced riders, but we take a hay wagon along so others can hop aboard and enjoy the evening's outing," says Lamar.

Food adds to the fun, too, whether it's a meal enjoyed beneath the stars along the way or the crackling good times of marshmallow S'mores enjoyed around the Equestrian Center fire pit at trails' end. On the recent inaugural moonlight ride—on October 23 beneath a splendid Harvest Moon—over 20 riders and friends enjoyed a hearty, chuckwagon dinner prepared by Teresa Gawys, owner of the nearby Country Cupboard restaurant and a local horse trainer. Her chili and cornbread were followed by her unforgettable "Banana Boat" dessert—bananas, chocolate chips, white chocolate, coconut and nuts wrapped in foil and warmed to sweet and sticky perfection in the glowing coals of the campfire!

To learn more about the schedule of Moonlight Rides and other activities at the Long Branch Lakes Equestrian Center in the coming months, call Lamar or Vanessa Wright at (866) 615-6615.





▲ FISHING WAS ENJOYED UNDER PICTURE PERFECT WEATHER.



▲ KIDS GOT INTO THE ACTION, TOO, WITH A DOCKSIDE FISHING EVENT JUST FOR THEM.



▲ AMID THE MORNING'S MIST, A TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANT PREPARES TO VENTURE OUT.



▲ 20 FISHING TEAMS PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT.



▲ ALLURING LADIES! THE FISHING TEAM OF ELIZABETH BREWSTER (LEFT) AND MEREDITH ANSLEY.

# Reel in the Cure Fishing Tournament

OCTOBER 1-3, 2010 ■ BENEFITING The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
Fighting Blood Cancers

ENCIRCLING THE COMMUNITY'S MASTER SITE PLAN ARE PHOTOS FROM THE EVENT WHICH RAISED \$20,000 FOR THE LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY AND ITS FIGHT AGAINST BLOOD CANCERS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT, SEE THE STORY ON PAGE 7 OF THIS EDITION OF THE SADDLEBAG.

▲ PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED SPECIAL "REEL IN THE CURE" T-SHIRTS.



▲ BOTH SPIN CASTING AND FLY FISHING WERE USED BY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS.

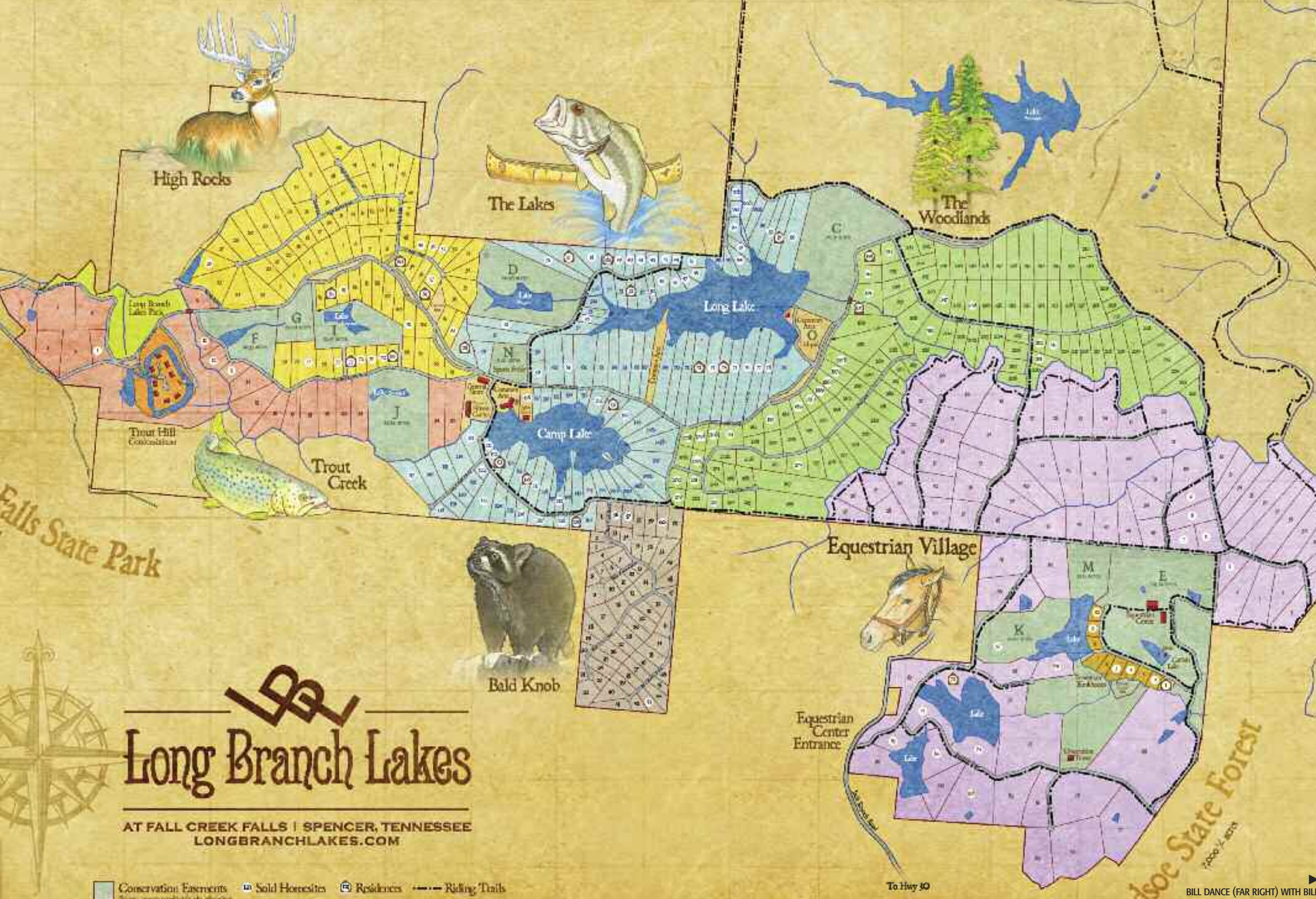


▲ 311 BASS WERE CAUGHT DURING THE TOURNAMENT.

▲ CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAM OF DAVID AND CASEY SHARPE. CASEY CAUGHT THE LARGEST FISH OF THE DAY AND ENABLED THE COUPLE TO TAKE FIRST PRIZE IN THE TOURNAMENT.



▼ MARTY GRIFFITH OF THE TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY WAS AMONG THE AGENCY'S PERSONNEL ON-HAND TO WEIGH AND MEASURE THE DAY'S CATCHES.



## Long Branch Lakes

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These materials, features and amenities described and depicted herein are based upon current development plans, which are subject to change without notice. No guarantee is made that the features, amenities and facilities depicted by artists' renderings or otherwise described herein will be provided, or if provided, will be of the same type, size or nature as depicted or described. Obtain the Property Report required by Federal Law and read it before signing anything. No Federal Agency has judged the merits or value, if any, of this property. Jeremy C. McDowell, Principal Broker for Long Branch Lakes Properties, LLC.

▼ UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF HIS PARENTS, A YOUNGSTER DISCOVERS THE JOYS OF FISHING.



▼ HUSBANDS AND WIVES, FATHERS AND SONS AND FISHING FRIENDS FORMED THE 20 TEAMS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE TOURNAMENT.



▼ THE FATHER/SON TEAM OF CHRIS AND LARRY FRADY WON SECOND PRIZE FOR CATCHING THE MOST FISH OF DAY (41)!



▼ HAYRIDES WERE A PART OF THE DAY'S FUN FOR NON-FISHERMAN.



▶ BASS FISHING LEGEND AND EVENT MASTER OF CEREMONIES, BILL DANCE, WITH TWO YOUNG ADMIRERS.



▶ KAYLEE KLEWEIN AND MOTHER-IN-LAW, PAM KLEWEIN, ENJOYING THE DAY DOCKSIDE.



▶ A LONE ANGLER DURING THE TOURNAMENT'S MORNING OUTING.



▶ BILL DANCE (FAR RIGHT) WITH BILL AND EMMA JORDAN, THE GRANDPARENTS OF JORDAN MUSCHAMP—THE COURAGEOUS TEEN WHOSE ILLNESS WAS THE REASON BEHIND THE "REEL IN THE CURE" FISHING TOURNAMENT.

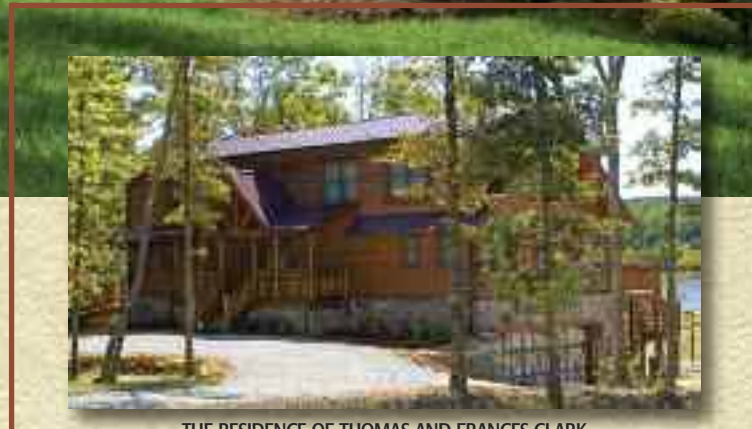
SHOO-FLY, THE LONG BRANCH LAKES DREAM HOME OVERLOOKING CAMP LAKE, IS NEARING COMPLETION! DETAILS ON TOURS OF THIS SPECTACULAR RESIDENCE WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON.



# Long Branch Lakes Tour of Homes

FROM THE EDGE OF THE LAKES TO DEEP IN THE WOODS a collection of gracious new residences now bring a special sense of place and personality to the Long Branch Lakes landscape! And with several new homes under construction and over 35 new property purchasers so far this year, residents will be welcoming even more new friends and neighbors in the months ahead.

Of course, this pictorial Tour of Homes is no substitute for seeing the quality and beauty of these residences first-hand. So be sure and ask your Property Consultant for a driving tour of all the new homes when you visit.



THE RESIDENCE OF THOMAS AND FRANCES CLARK

## The Equestrian Village Bunkhouses



OFFERED BY CHARLES YOUNG



THE RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM AND LINDA BROWN



THE RESIDENCE OF LEWIS AND JO ANN COLLIER



THE RESIDENCE OF CONNIE MCBRIDE



THE RESIDENCE OF RICHARD AND KATHY POPHAM



THE RESIDENCE OF DON AND BETH SAUNDERS



## Residences of The Woodlands



THE RESIDENCE OF RICHARD AND KATHY POPHAM



THE RESIDENCE OF DAVID AND CINDY PIKE THE RESIDENCE OF JIM AND DEBBIE RUSSELL

THE RESIDENCE OF LAMAR AND VANESSA WRIGHT

## Residences of The Lakes



THE RESIDENCE OF LADONNA BARTON

## Residences of High Rocks



OFFERED BY KEITH BOULDIN AND GREG WILSON OF CREATIVE HOMES



OFFERED BY CLIFF DAVIDSON OF DAVIDSON BUILDERS



THE RESIDENCE OF CHARLES AND DOLLY GRIFFIN



OFFERED BY DAVID AND JANICE POMA OF TIMBER RIDGE BUILDERS

## The Condominiums of Trout Hill



MARK AND MARY-JO PATTERSON WILL BE THE FIRST RESIDENTS OF TROUT HILL.

## The First Annual Long Branch Lakes "Reel in the Cure" Fishing Tournament

# Hooks Bring Hope.

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, all of the fun of Long Branch Lakes was wonderfully refocused in support of a worthy cause at the community's first annual "Reel in the Cure" Fishing Tournament to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Renowned bass fishing legend Bill Dance, whose partnership with the developers of Long Branch Lakes resulted in the establishment of two Bill Dance Signature Lakes at the community earlier this year, was the master of ceremonies for the event.

With the weather (beautiful) and the fish (bountiful) cooperating perfectly, and with a sense of community and common purpose in the autumn air, 40 anglers in 20 teams took to the waters of Camp Lake and Long Lake in search of prize-winning catches. Over 100 others were on hand to watch the excitement.

The Tournament schedule commenced with a morning outing on the misty lake waters from 8am to 11am, followed by lunch at the community's newly opened General Store where fun, food and fish stories abounded. At 1pm, the kids on hand took center stage as they tried their luck from the docks. Then, from 2pm to 5pm, things got serious as teams returned to the lakes hoping for that winning combination of location, lures and luck that might lead to Tournament prizes, with first place for the largest fish caught and second and third place awarded for the most fish caught during the day.

### AND OUR WINNERS WERE...

The husband and wife team of **David and Casey Sharpe**, from Rome, GA, took first prize with a 4 lb.-2 oz. bass beauty! Their winning catch won the two an angler's dream: A private fishing trip with none other than Bill Dance to the bass fishing legend's private lake! Second place, for the most fish caught, went to the team of **Larry and Chris Frady**, father and son from Spencer, TN. The team's haul

of 41 total fish caught won them beautiful sets of new Diawa Quantum rods and reels. And taking third place, with 36 total fish boated, went to **Junior and Jerry Debord** from Pikeville, TN. Their success earned them a 3-day stay at Long Branch Lakes. The prize for the oldest fisherman went to property owner Dick Popham, while Chandler Turner took the honors for the youngest angler. Congratulations to the tournament winners and fishing teams. And our thanks to our generous event sponsors!

AT TOP: TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE THE DAY'S MORNING OUTING. ABOVE: 40 ANGLERS PARTICIPATED, SEEKING JUST THE RIGHT SWEET SPOTS ON CAMP AND LONG LAKES. BELOW: EDMOND CASH SIGNS THE TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS CHECK THAT RAISED \$20,000 FOR THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY.



BUCKETS OF FUN AND FISH! A TOTAL OF 311 FISH WERE CAUGHT DURING THE EVENT.

### THE REAL STORY BEHIND "REEL IN THE CURE"

Opportunities present themselves in unexpected ways and the idea of hosting a fishing tournament at Long Branch Lakes was just such a serendipitous event. Charlie Medici, founder of a highly successful fundraising program for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Westchester, NY, came for a personal visit to Long Branch Lakes with his wife Diane. An avid fisherman himself, Charlie saw the possibilities for such an event here and proposed the idea. Long Branch Lakes developers Rick Klewein, Edmond Cash, Andy Cash and LaDonna Barton took little time to think this one over and the project was launched. Now why did the senior member of the group, Edmond Cash, so enthusiastically jump into this major fundraising project? While Charlie Medici was relaying the story of his personal involvement with LLS and his nephew's diagnosis with Leukemia, Edmond's thoughts turned to his own Rome, GA neighbors and friends, the Muschamp family. Sixteen-year-old Jordan Muschamp, a student at the Darlington School (where Edmond's own son and now Development Partner, Andy Cash had attended and where his own grandchildren currently attend), was diagnosed with Leukemia this past spring and Edmond knew that he too, was undergoing treatment. Pure coincidence, or kismet? The connection called for, and received, the kind of passionate response and enthusiastic involvement that are hallmarks of Thumbprint Developers and its principals.

Given the love of the outdoors that was shared by all involved, the idea of sponsoring a fishing tournament at Long Branch Lakes to honor Jordan's courage and to support the search for a cure for Leukemia and Lymphoma was set into motion. With the Long Branch Lakes family playing hook, families and fishermen from far and wide responded with their support, hook line and sinker, raising over \$20,000 for the cause!

FOR MORE PICTURES FROM THE FISHING TOURNAMENT SEE PAGES 4 AND 5 OF THIS EDITION OF THE SADDLEBAG!



BASS FISHING LEGEND, BILL DANCE (CENTER) WITH LONG BRANCH LAKES DEVELOPERS EDMOND CASH (LEFT) AND RICK KLEWEIN.

## Thumbprint Developers

# Stepping forward thoughtfully.

IT'S NOT OFTEN NOWADAYS that the actions of a real estate developer can be summed up in just a handful of words, especially for a project on the scope and scale of Long Branch Lakes.

Yet recently, an observer of this community—who has witnessed the transforming work by Thumbprint Developers in shaping Long Branch Lakes from raw acreage and pure vision to reality—arrived at a defining distillation in just two words.

The summarizing words are these: *promises kept*.

It has been that way from the very beginning of Long Branch Lakes when development partners Edmond Cash, Rick Klewein, Andy Cash and LaDonna Barton promised to each other to steadfastly follow two key precepts: First, maintain a stewardship in preserving nature's grand handiwork; and second, that their gentle developer's handiwork (the addition of resident amenities, lakes, recreational venues, lakefront pavilions, covered bridges and lighted roads) would be largely completed before selling even the first homesite. "We didn't want our prospective property owners to have to envision a thing, except to see themselves enjoying life here," said the four partners. All the visitors to Long Branch Lakes, from the first ones to those who arrive today, bear witness to Thumbprint's faithful honoring of these fundamental promises.

A passion for stepping forward and keeping promises has stretched across the years in actions that seek what is truly best for the land and all those who live here on it: The construction of a premier Equestrian Center and over 30 miles of riding trails...the building of the community's spectacular lakefront Discovery Center for visitors...the creation of the Equestrian Village Bunkhouses and the addition of the new Trout Hill Condominium residences...the partnership that created the community's Bill Dance Signature Lakes to ensure the health and recreational enjoyment of our lakes for generations to come...the commitment to sustainable agriculture, from cutting hay for horses to harvesting community-produced jellies, produce and honey...and the building of the newly opened General Store (see the front page story of this edition of *The Saddlebag*) that has immediately become the community's center for fun, food and neighbor gatherings.

And, most recently was Thumbprint stepping forward with its promise to host the first annual "Reel in the Cure" fishing tournament to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society—an event that raised \$20,000 for this worthy cause. (See story on Page 7.)

This is the essence of the word *thumbprint*: To leave one's mark in ways that are unique and enduring. The developers of Long Branch Lakes invite you to visit our community and add *your* thumbprint.

# We Welcome Our New Property Owners!

AS THE LONG BRANCH LAKES FAMILY CONTINUES TO GROW, we warmly welcome the following couples and individuals who purchased community homesites since April of this year:

LaDonna Barton  
Cloudland, GA  
Homesite 85, High Rocks

Kim Batty  
Leawood, KS  
Homesite 4, Equestrian Bunkhouses

William and Linda Brown  
Allegan, MI  
Homesite 38A, The Lakes

Shawn Bruce  
Crossville, TN  
Homesite 178B, The Woodlands

Mike Casey and BJ DiTullio  
Pottstown, PA  
Homesite 249, The Woodlands

Lewis and Jo Ann Collier  
Spencer, TN  
Homesite 59, The Lakes

Dan and Sherri Crabb  
Zionsville, IN  
Homesite 46, The Lakes

Vern and Pam Curry  
Bonita, CA  
Homesite 150, The Lakes

John and Colleen Cuzzone  
Arlington, TN  
Homesite 132, The Lakes

Lynn Dove  
Cornelius, NC  
Homesite 10, Equestrian Bunkhouses

David Dresdner and Suzanne Storms  
Whippary, NJ  
Homesite 186A, The Woodlands

Robert and Mandy Frazier  
Hendersonville, NC  
Homesite 51, High Rocks

Bill and Pricilla Grimm  
New Martinsville, WV  
Homesite 60, Bald Knob

David and Cheryl Hawkins  
North Redington Beach, FL  
Homesite 83B, Equestrian Village

Bob and Anita Hooson  
Goldendale, WA  
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