

# Featured home provides country feel in Moore

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**MOORE** — Alert for home shoppers planning their route around the final weekend of the Southwest Showcase of Homes: Bring comfy shoes, triple-digit sunblock and wide-brimmed hat.

The event has 40-plus homes in 25 neighborhoods open from 1 to 7 p.m. today and Sunday.

But for the tour's jewel in Moore — the feature home in The Willows neighborhood — leave your GPS behind.

The home at 3103 Monica Lane, where the trio of Pete Jackson, Marvin Haworth and Brenda Love built in a French Country style, is so new the satellites haven't found it yet. The Willows addition is on Telephone Road between SW 19 and SW 34.

"When we drive in here, my wife's GPS just shows us off in a pasture," said builder-developer Haworth, president of the Moore Builders Association

"That's the big attraction, really," said Jackson, owner of Stonewall Homes. "This house is so close to I-35, and right in between Moore and Norman, yet it feels like out in the country."

Teamed up with Love's Elite Quality Homes, Haworth and Jackson formed an impromptu partnership that yielded results exceeding even their own expectations.

"At the outset it's always a little overwhelming to do a project like this," Jackson said.

The home was built on spec as a fundraiser for the association. The builders solicited favors and donations from subcontractors and vendors in the area.

As a result, the approximately 3,000-square-foot home features materials and finishes from many of the area's finest craftsmen.

"Granite City did all our kitchen counters," Jackson said, "and the tile in the master bath is all custom work from Master Tile."

In the home's open floor plan, the entry foyer blends into the formal dining room and living room. Immediately adjacent, a spacious study behind French doors offers a quiet retreat.

The large and open kitchen features a work island with custom cabinetry. As a center of operations for the home, the kitchen acts as an open hub between the living room, the breakfast area and the unusual first-floor game room-den.

The master suite is made up of a generous bedroom, five star hotel-style bath and a massive closet-dressing room featuring ample built-in cabinetry and shelving.

The additional bedrooms are linked via a shared double-sink bathroom with tub and separate shower.

"It's a comfortable setup for either guests or kids," Jackson said. "The Willows is made up of an almost equal mix of retirees and families."

The home's design is a fully customized Robert Fillmore plan.

Jackson, who has been building about five homes a year for the past six years, described himself as a "small builder."

"I recently started two custom homes," he said. "Clients I had been working with were reluctant to commit to new homes, but recently they've been able to sell their existing houses."

Jackson, Haworth and Love worked for about four months on the feature home.

"We tried not to run into each other, or to duplicate work," Haworth said, noting that regular meetings and lots of communication allowed the three to work together successfully.

Proceeds from the \$404,000 asking price will go to the Moore Builders Association, which in turn makes regular contributions to local causes.

"We provided a smart board for Moore schools last year, and we especially like to support the Red Cross, for all they did after the tornado," Jackson said, referring to the May 1999 tornado that struck Moore.

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