



Promoting The Simple Life

Fall 2023

Log Home Life

VIEW FROM THE MILL

By Levi Hochstetler

After hours, and on the side, we make some hay suitable for horses. Usually we only do about 20 acres or so. Just enough to make it seem like fun. We like to think we use the few dollars we earn making hay to put into our family traveling fund. Growing up on the farm myself I feel it's important that our children learn a little about farming. If nothing else, it helps us in the summer time by knowing we can't always come and go as we please. That is, when the sun is shining and there is hay to make!

Our Teton model/spec home, after a year in the making, is going on the real-estate market this week. It is 3,000 square feet of living space plus another 1,500 square feet of insulated basement space that could very easily be incorporated into fitness, game or media rooms.

It is now open for viewing and will be on the self-driving log home tour during Log Cabin Days. The landscaper did a nice job getting it all ready for you to leisurely meander about on the grounds, relax around the fire ring down by the pond, listening to the frogs croak or, if you prefer, sit on the front porch and enjoy the peace and quiet as you watch nature go by!

Log Cabin Days is only 45 days away. Do plan on coming. I heard rumors that the cooks are working on perfecting a one pound Log Cabin Burger! Yet another reason for coming. Don't worry though if you're not into burgers, we will make sure the BBQ chicken, noodles and kettle-cooked beans are hot!

So long,

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Log Cabin Days - Sept. 15 & 16

See our special section inside for more information and a schedule of events.

Log Cabin Days is slated for Friday, September 15 (10-6) & Saturday, September 16 (9-5) at the Hochstetler Log Homes site, at 552 SR 95, Loudonville, Ohio.

- Craftsmen Demonstrating 19th Century Trades like Broom Making, Wool Spinning, Pottery, etc.
- Lumberjack Demo
- Self-Guided Log Home Tour
- Cabins and Rustic Furnishings Auction
- Delicious Food, Pastries, & Ice Cream
- Log Home Related Exhibitors
- Log Cabin Seminars
- Mill Tour
- Hand-Peeling & Hand-Hewing Demos
- Petting Zoo

Make plans today to attend this educational and fun event for the whole family.



Building a Good “Builder-Homeowner” Relationship

(Part VI - Continued from Summer 2023 Issue) - by Levi Hochstetler

#10 Did not start the project when agreed

Not starting on time is almost normal in the building trade. Builders agree, delays such as the previous project taking longer, weather delays, a death in family, or numerous other valid and some not so valid reasons can all affect scheduling.

I personally enter all new projects in our schedule book for the milling of the logs. Often, I can't enter the job as soon as the client or builder would like to have them. However, without fail, several weeks before the scheduled milling date, most of our clients and/or builders end up calling and wanting us to push out the delivery date even further.

There always seems to be some culprit. Either it's the permits, utilities, weather, excavator or some other issue that sets the project back.

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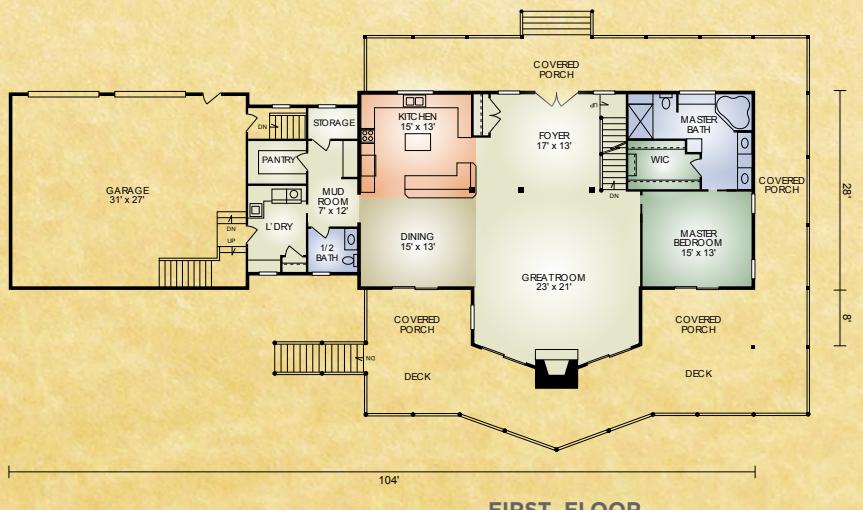
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Plan on delays! It's almost guaranteed! Hopefully, you have a construction loan that only charges interest on money that is paid out. Make sure that there is enough time allowed to finish the home before the loan matures. Of course, there is a limit. Also, you may want to have the contract with the builder spell out the start and finish date. Perhaps you might include a special carrot on your own. Such as a fairly substantial bonus if started and ready to move in by an agreed upon date.

#11 Ripped us off.

We need to keep things in perspective. I don't want to paint a bad picture or use a scare tactic against builders as there are many, good honest builders out there. Considering the 1000's of homes we have delivered and were built, I can only think of this happening thrice to any of our clients. Yet, for these few clients it was financially devastating. So a word of caution is in order.

Financing through a bank can be a safety net in assuring you that the builder is doing what they are supposed to do. Banks are adamant in getting lean waivers before they release any additional funds. But perhaps the best preventive measure is to always have the money going directly from the bank or from you to the log mill and not channeled through a builder. At least twice of the times that I remember someone getting "ripped off" was when the homeowner paid the builder, trusting he would in turn pay us as they had agreed on. However, it didn't happen, leaving the homeowner hanging.

On one occasion, the builder got ferociously angry when I insisted that he has to have a certified check to give to the trucker for our material when it gets delivered. The madder he got and the more choice words he spat at me, the deeper I dug in. It was good that I did, because several months later we got a phone call from the homeowner, crying on our shoulder, asking if we had gotten paid. Apparently we were one of the few subs or material suppliers that had gotten paid leaving the homowner's only choice to pay double for the rest of the material. First, their initial payment to the builder for the material, and then again having to pay the subs direct! 



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Cabins and Rustic Furnishings Auction

on Friday, September 15th • 3:00 PM



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Selling at Live Auction during Log Cabin Days

- **Cabins:** Up to 3 Pre-built 12' wide Cabins. Perfect for that weekend getaway, rental, office space, guest cabin, or hunting cabin. Includes delivery within 50 miles. Will be ready to drop on your site and enjoy right away. Cabins sell at 5:00 PM.
- **Pavilions:** Up to 3 Pre-built Timber Pavilions. If you are wanting to create the ultimate outdoor oasis, look no further! Sizes include a 16x20, 12x16, and 12x12. Includes metal roof, delivery and erection on your ideal spot, within 50 miles. Pavilions sell at 5:00 PM.
- **Rustic Furniture:** Log Bedroom Sets, Dining Tables, Chairs, Coffee Tables, Bar Tables, Bar Stools, Whiskey Barrel Tables, End Tables, Live Edge Slabs, Hickory Rockers, and much, much more. These pieces will be made from a variety of wood species, including Hickory, Aspen, Reclaimed Barn Wood, Pine, and Sassafras. If you are needing to furnish a cabin or want rustic furniture in your home, this will be the place to buy. We are expecting some very unique pieces that cannot be duplicated.
- **Home Decor:** Log Cabin Quilts, Rugs, Hall Trees, Rustic Coat Hangers and Signs, Candle Holders, Antiques, Magazine Racks, Animal Hides, Whiskey Barrel Bottom Clocks. Items that you need to put the finishing touches in your home.
- **Outdoor Furniture:** Pergola, Porch Swings, Picnic Tables, and Willow Chairs

The Cabin and Rustic Furnishings auction is held in conjunction with Log Cabin Days. This is to be one of the largest rustic furniture auctions in North America. Plan on buying, we will have something you will like! Bring your family and enjoy your day with the many activities going on.

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LOG HOME TOUR

American Cancer Society would like to thank the hosts of the 2023 Log Cabin Days car tour for opening their doors to make the home tour possible. This is one of the largest fund-raisers we do and we can't thank you enough.

These homes will be available for tour during Log Cabin Days. You will be able to converse with the homeowners on how their building experience was, what they would do differently, and discover the casual, relaxing lifestyle that characterizes log home living. The \$25 per person donation goes to the American Cancer Society. You must register at the information booth at Log Cabin Days to receive the locations of these homes.



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LOG CABIN DAYS

September 15 & 16 at Hochstetler Log Homes

Log Cabin Days Hours: Friday, September 15: 10am-6pm • Saturday, September 16: 9am-5pm

H ave you ever dreamed of spending time with family and friends in your own beautiful log home? Perhaps you are one of the lucky few that already get to enjoy the log home lifestyle? Or maybe you yearn for days-gone-by when life was a lot simpler? Whichever it may be, Log Cabin Days is for you! We invite you to join thousands of like-minded enthusiasts and enjoy several days of fellowship during this event.

The highlight is the self-guided **log home auto tour** sponsored by Andersen Windows. We have 7 private log homes scheduled to be on the tour. These are in addition to our own furnished models. Allow at least 6 hours to do the complete tour.

A suggested donation of \$25 person for the tour goes to the American Cancer Society.

SELF-GUIDED LOG HOME TOUR



← Two of the homes on the tour. Pick up tour map at Information Booth. →

Registration must be made at the event entry pavilion (Sorry, the addresses are not provided prior to registering). These homes are private residences; please thank the owners for their generosity in opening up their homes to give you this rare opportunity.

We are excited to have the team at **Log Home Academy** share their expertise in the "9 Steps to the Good Log Home Workshops" covering these vital topics. You can pick and choose which ones you want. See the times on the Workshop & Seminar section.

- **Budgeting**
- **Finding the right property**
- **What style of home fits you**
- **Determining your room and space needs**
- **Locating and arranging the home on the property**
- **Converting the bubble drawing to a scale sketch**
- **Concept Drawings**

• **Preliminary Plans to Final Construction Documents**

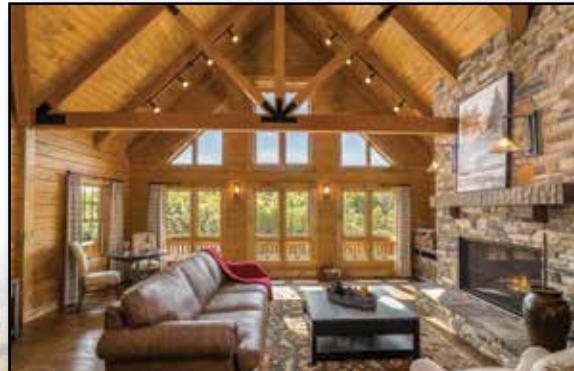
• **The Construction of your home**

Additional seminars will cover log home maintenance and the ever-popular Log Basics 101. Seminars are sponsored by Log & Timber Home Living.

Be sure to pick up your log home care supplies! During Log Cabin Days we are having a **sale of 15% off**. This applies on all PPG Proluxe Wood Finishes, caulking, bug repellent and brushes in stock, while supplies last.

Exhibitors will be showing off their wares, including, cabinets, solid oak furniture, log home furniture, bent hickory rockers, windows, and both interior and exterior doors. This could be the largest assembly of rustic furniture makers in North America, be sure to bring your truck to take home all your new treasures! Builders will be on hand to answer all your construction questions, along with banks that specialize in log home lending.

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Self-Guided Log Home Tour • Lumberjack Competitions • Log Cabin Works

Auction will be held on Friday. **Bidding for rustic furniture starts at 3 PM** and is one of the largest rustic furniture and décor auctions offering bedroom sets, coffee tables, home décor, Amish made quilts, and lots more, including some very unique pieces that can't be duplicated. Bring your truck! **Bidding for up to 3 cabins and 3 pavilions will begin on Friday, 5:00 PM.**

The state-of-the-art SII dry kiln along with the mill can be toured at your leisure. We will operate the mill for 15 minutes on Friday at 11:45 and 2:45, as well as Saturday at 9:45 and again at 1:45.

Demonstration area will once again have craftsmen demonstrating various **19th century** era log cabin related trades. They include bowl & spoon carver, gun builder, broom maker, potter, and wood carver. You'll also see wool spinning, rug braiding and period furniture makers demonstrating their period wood lathe, jig saw, hand planes and more. Some hands-on activity and interaction with the attendees will be encouraged.

There will also be demonstrations of hand-hewing, hand-peeling, and chainsaw carving, not to mention the blacksmith pounding out unique iron items for your log home.

On site will be **vintage steam engines** powering a shingle mill and sawmill (just like in the good ole' days!).

Win a prize while trying your hand at being a lumberjack. Throw the ax and hit the bull's eye, see how "cool" it is cutting logs with a cross cut saw and how "easy" it is to fell a tree with an ax.

Relive, "Little House on the Prairie" and go on a horse drawn **covered wagon ride** down through

the woods or watch the black smith shoe a few horses. Be sure to go on the forestry tour and receive a free bundle of white pine seedlings and don't forget to register to win a free chainsaw carving.

Since Log Cabin Days is a family event, we've tried to include kid activities too. Make sure they take a ride on the pony train, run the maze thru the woods, play "gold digger" and sift thru shavings for nickels and candy. They will, no doubt, be fascinated by the petting zoo with a chance to get "up close" with animals like a pony, a calf, puppies, rabbits, and kittens.

Log Cabin Days would not be complete without some good old-fashioned, **finger-lickin' food**. You have to try out the 1 lb. Log Cabin Burger! You'll also find delicious barbecue chicken, done to perfection on our large outdoor fire pit, as well as noodles, kettle-cooked baked beans and a variety of pies including L.C.D.'s famous fry pies. There is also homemade ice cream, fresh-squeezed apple cider, apple butter and kettle-cooked popcorn. Be sure and take home pastries from the Amish bake sale, highlighted with fresh pies and homemade bread.

Come early on Saturday for the **"Early Bird" breakfast**, which will be served from 7:00-10 am with scrambled eggs and bacon, real stuffed sausage, pancakes, donuts and coffee or juice.

Proceeds from the sale of refreshments and bake sale will benefit the Mohican Parochial School.

Log Cabin Days is an enjoyable 2-day event that is both educational and beneficial for the whole family. There will be \$5 admission for adults, children 12 & under free. If you have additional questions call 800-368-1015. Come early and stay both days. 

Log Cabin Days Lodging Directory

Mention Hochstetler Log Homes for special rates at the following locations.
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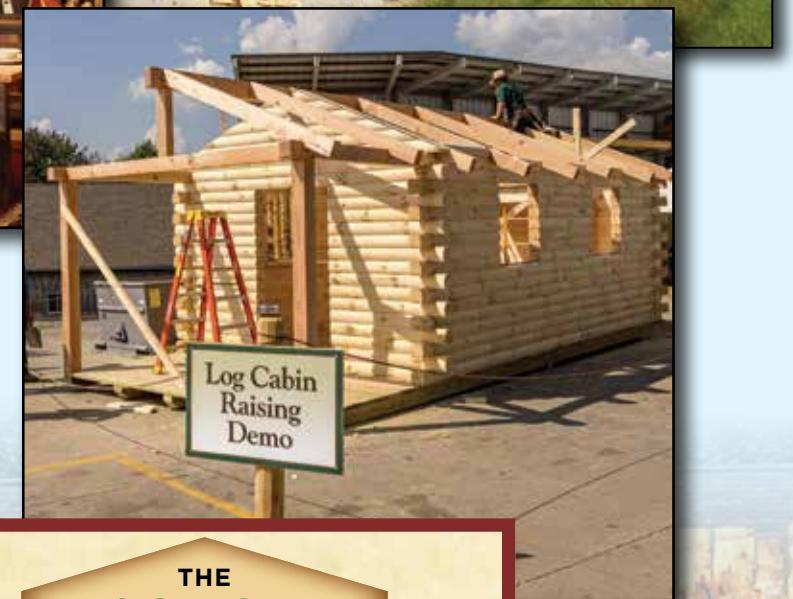
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- **Charm Gifts & Nature's Herbs** – Home Decor
- **Coalway** – Fireplaces and Stoves
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- **Daniel Miller** – Artwork
- **Donny Hochstetler** – Chain Saw Carving
- **Eicher Woodworking** – Custom Cabinets
- **First Federal Community Bank** – Log Home
- **Glen Auchard** – Blacksmith
- **Grandpa's Antiques** – Antiques
- **Hillside Gazebos** – Rustic Furniture
- **HLH Forestry** – Free Pine Seedlings
- **Jamison Well Drilling** – Well Drilling
- **Lakeland Log Homes** – Log Home Builder
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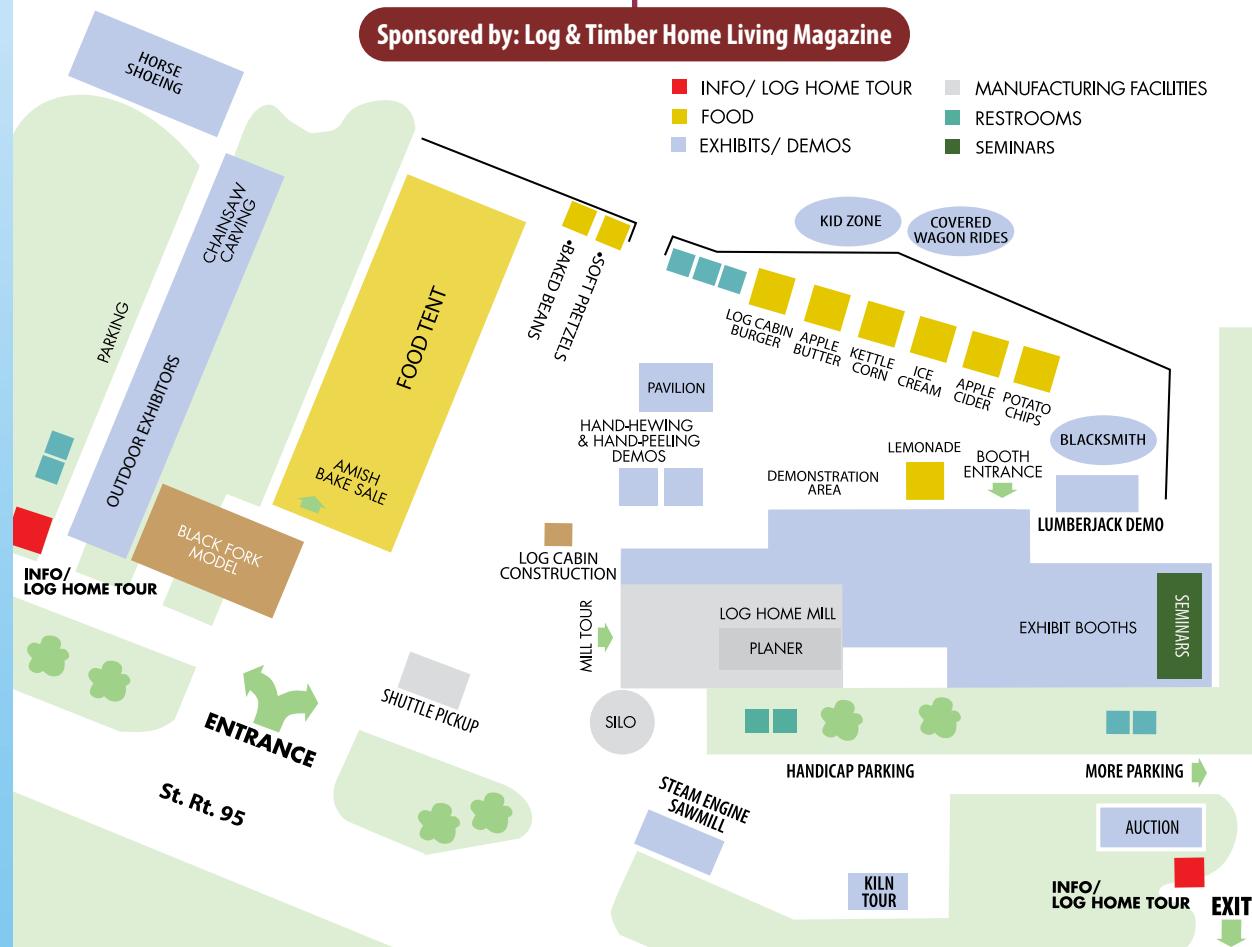
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- 10:00 Log Basics 101
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 1:00 Arranging the Home & Bubble Drawings
 2:00 Concept Drawings to Construction Documents
 3:00 Construction of Your Home
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Schedule of Events

	Friday Sept. 15th	Saturday Sept. 16th
Food	10 am–6 pm	10 am–5 pm
Breakfast		7 am–10 am
Seminars	10 am–4 pm	9 am–3 pm
Exhibit Booth	10 am–6 pm	9 am–5 pm
Demonstration Tent	10am–6pm	9 am–5 pm
Cabin Raising	10 am–6 pm	9 am–5 pm
Furniture Auction		3:00 pm
Cabin Auction	5:00 pm	
Pavilion Auction	5:00 pm	
Kid Zone	10 am–6 pm	9 am–5 pm
Planer Tour	10 am–6 pm	9 am–5 pm
Dry Kiln Tour	10 am–6 pm	9 am–5 pm
Log Home Tour	10 am–6 pm	9 am–5 pm
Shuttle to McKay Model	10 am–6 pm	9 am–5 pm
Covered Wagon Rides	10 am–6 pm	9 am–5 pm
Steam Engines	10 am–6 pm	9 am–5 pm
Bake Sale	10 am–6 pm	9 am–5 pm

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Located 5 miles north of Loudonville and 1/2 mile east of the St. Rt. 95 & 60 intersection at 552 St. Rt. 95, Loudonville, OH 44842

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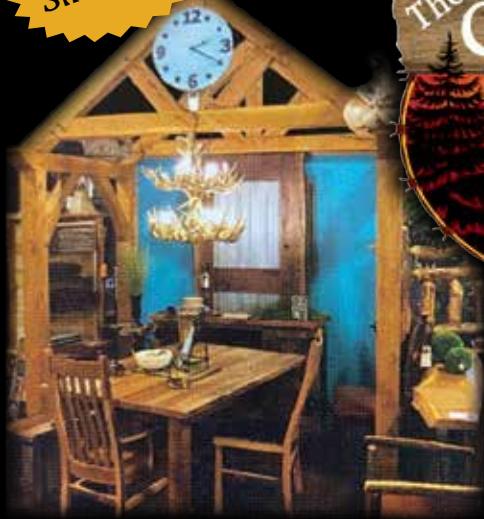


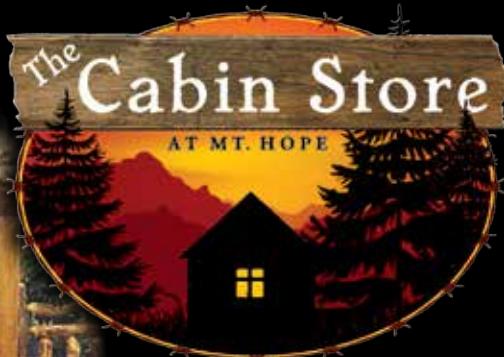
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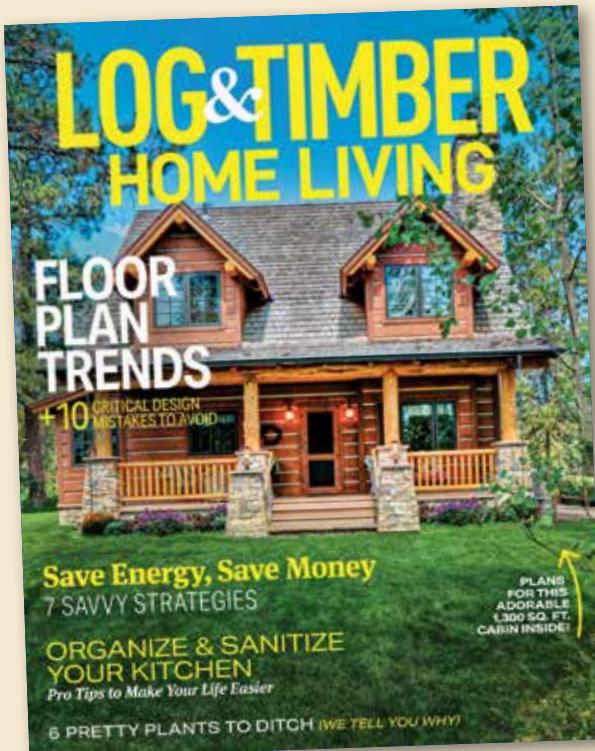
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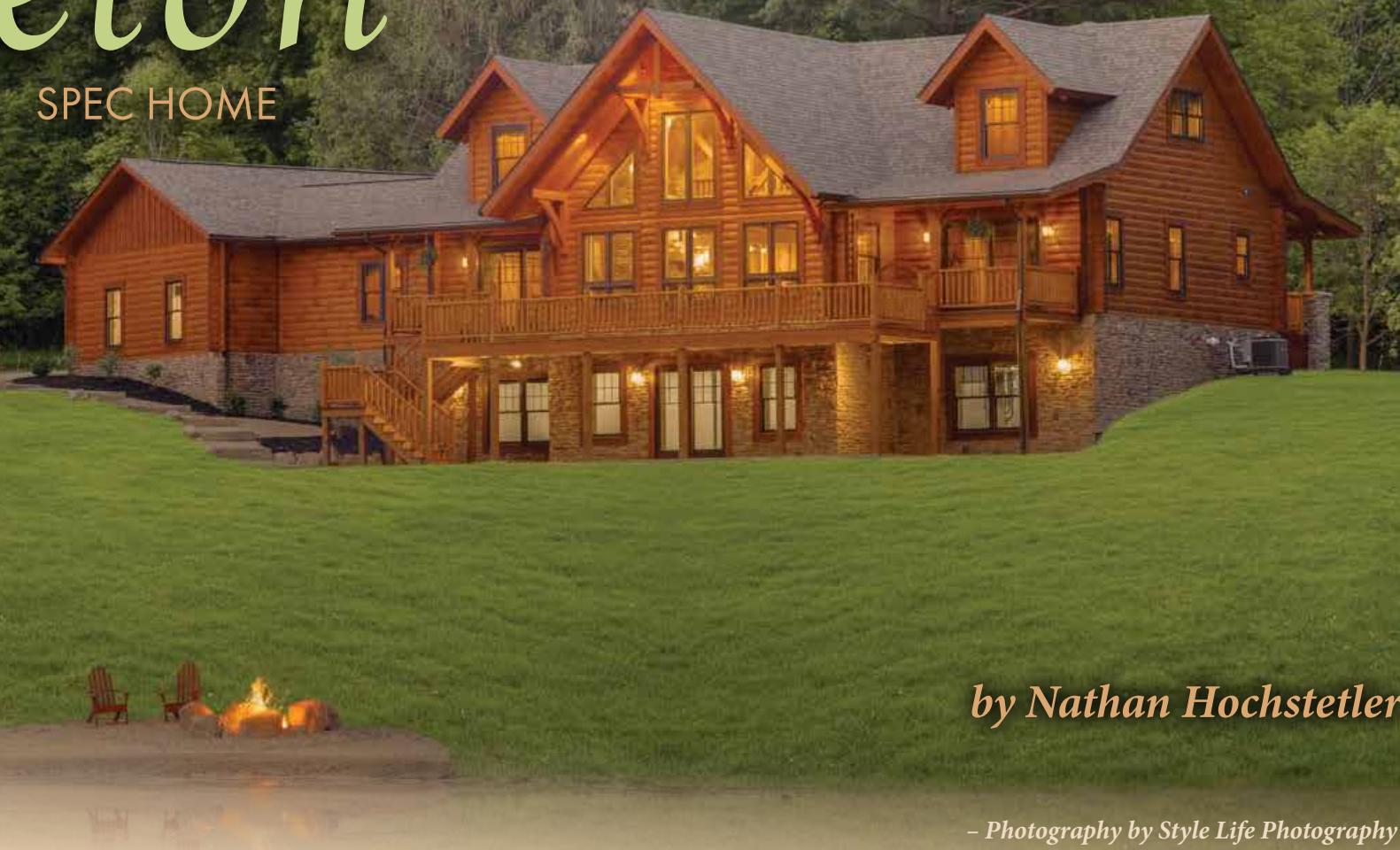


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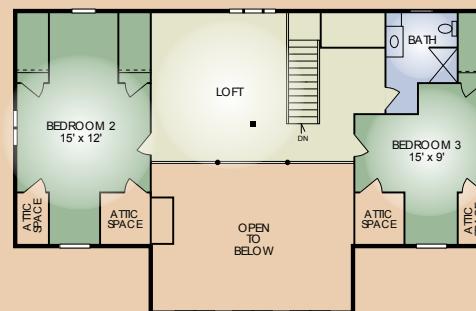
Step into the lap of luxury when you enter this 3083 sq. ft. home called the Teton — the architects have left nothing out. It offers the carefree and convenient lifestyle that log home owners love.

What brings this home to the front, is the curb appeal, no matter how you approach it you will fall in love. As you enter the foyer area your eyes will be drawn to the huge timbers that soar above the greatroom along with the extra-large glass windows. To your right is the chef style kitchen that offers plenty of room to cook your Thanksgiving dinner. Spacing is not limited in the master bedroom and bathroom along with the walk-in closet. Upstairs there is an open loft area that offers a grand view of the great room with the large stone fireplace. Two additional bedrooms and a bathroom offer ample sleeping area for family or guests. Another feature this plan offers is the convenient office in the breezeway with a door leading to the exterior making it easy to meet with clients.

And don't miss the dog wash in the garage. This one truly offers it all.

The Teton was built as a spec home and it will be sold. Your chance of touring this home will be limited and during Log Cabin Days could be your last chance to tour this home in person. Call 800-368-1015 with questions.





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CABIN FEVER

A Meal to Remember

— by Bill Dinkins

In the early 60's I worked in the art department of The Hoover Company in North Canton, Ohio, alongside a retouch artist. Harry was also a very accomplished watercolorist and frequently traveled to areas that were popular with artists and provided ample opportunities. Nashville, Indiana, with its breathtaking landscape, captured the imagination of artists throughout the Midwest, and in the early 1900's became the home of several famous artists.

After hearing Harry's glowing review I was intrigued with the area and decided to go there on a weekend painting trip that fall. Approaching Nashville, it was no wonder that artists found this area so appealing. Trees provided a dazzling array of reds, oranges, and golds, while farm fields added rich shades of yellows and browns. And, numerous covered bridges provided wonderful views of crystal-clear meandering streams and cascading waterfalls. A artist's "bucket list" to be sure!

As I drove along a country road I spotted a rustic log building ahead. It had been converted to a fruit stand and inside were many varieties of apples, squash and pumpkins. Outside, timbers held the porch ceiling and were surrounded by corn stalks. I was so taken by the beauty of this I asked the owner if I could paint it. At first he was surprised that anyone would want to paint an old rundown log shack but after I explained its charm he agreed, and I quickly parked my car out front with my watercolor paper placed securely on top of the hood of my car. It was a beautiful fall day with a slight breeze and the sun cast perfect diagonal shadows across the porch, adding depth to the painting. Between customers, he would fill me in on the historical significance of the old cabin, which at one time had been some family's home. He was at work remodeling the inside and replacing some of the large stones in the century-old fireplace. As the sun started its slow descent in the west the sky became a brilliant orange and Joe suddenly appeared.

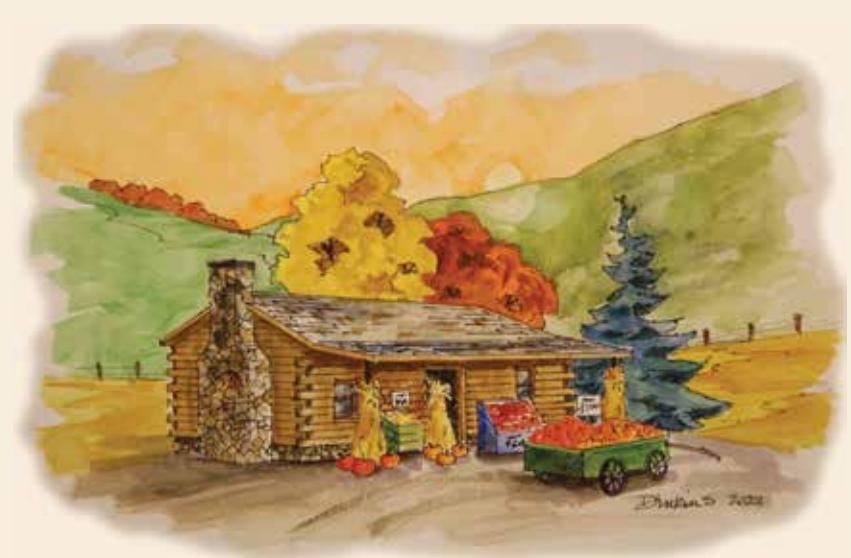
"If you don't have any plans for tonight would you like to join us for supper? Nothing special, understand."

I was surprised by his invitation and was momentarily speechless, but quickly recovered and said, "Great, love too. Let me go back to the motel and clean up and I'll see you later."

When I returned, Joe, his wife Emily, and teenage daughter, Maggie, were gathered 'round the rustic wood dining table with a large bowl of ham and bean soup, and a dish of corn bread in the center. A lantern in the corner cast a warm glow across the table and added a welcoming appeal. It suddenly seemed like a 100-year step back in time. I don't think I've ever enjoyed a meal as much as that. Maybe it was the feeling of meeting strangers who didn't seem like strangers, or a scene right out of a Norman Rockwell painting, but whatever it was, it was at once captivating and memorable.

Earlier, when I had left to clean up, I also visited an art store, hoping to get my painting matted. Luckily, just before quitting time they sensed my dilemma and were able to cut a mat of just the right color. After supper that evening at the table I gave Joe the painting.

Emily, a little teary-eyed, spoke first. "It's beautiful, how can we ever repay you." "You just did," I answered. 



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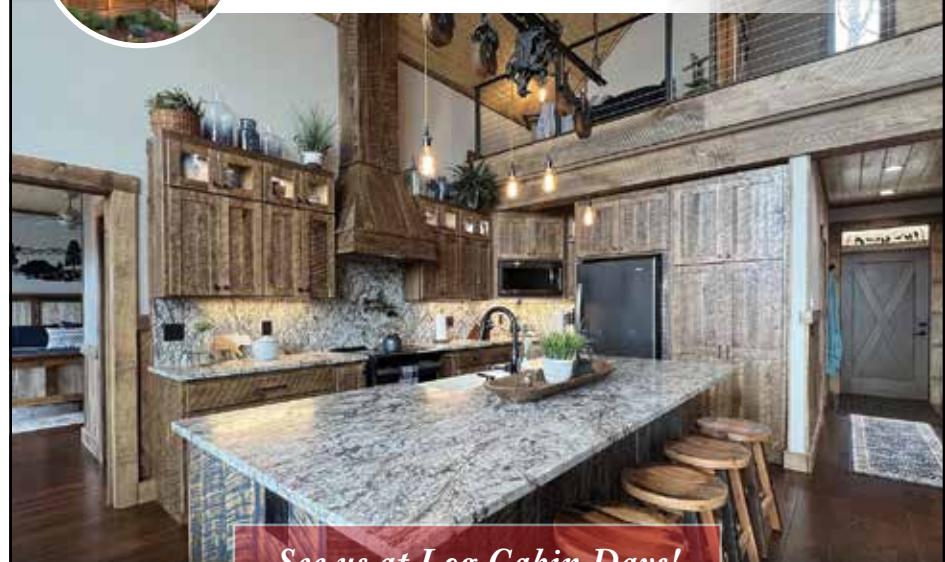


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