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ABUNDANT OUTDOOR AMENITIES AND A FRESHLY DECORATED INTERIOR CREATE THE IDEAL MIX OF FUN, COMFORT AND STYLE IN THIS BENTONVILLE FAMILY'S NEW HOME



From the bustling, central area of Bentonville, it's only about a 5-minute drive to Juliana and Justin Whaley's home. But once you turn off the main road and enter the gates of their property, you quickly begin to feel as if you are miles away from it all. "It's so nice to feel like you're out...but you're really not," Juliana says.

Juliana and Justin both grew up in rural communities and wanted a place to take their children, Hannah, 15, and Logan, 13, that would give them similar outdoor experiences to what they had when they were young. So, the couple set out to find a weekend retreat property on Beaver Lake. "We had been searching for some time for lake property, but nothing seemed right or fit our criteria," Juliana says. "After we saw this home, we just changed our plan. I think we saw right away that this was the home for us."

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Family Room



Foyer



Dining Room



Kitchen

With almost 30 acres of property, including wooded areas, wide-open lawns and a fishing pond, Juliana says that their decision to move here was definitely the right choice. "The biggest thing to get used to out here has been the maintenance of the property," she says. "Otherwise, the connection to nature has been the best. We'll look out and see 15 or more deer standing in the yard. My son uses the pond often – he'll go fishing on his own. After school, when the weather is nice, he'll have me drop him off at the pond. That's the first place he wants to go. To see these things and have these experiences...there's just nothing like it."



Breakfast Room

Solidifying a draw to their home's outdoor spaces is a pool out back and batting cages in the front. "It all gives the kids more opportunity to be outside and to want to be outside," Juliana says.

The home's interior, however, is equally equipped with activity spaces that offer their own fun perks such as a golf-simulator room, home gym and a game room with both pool and poker tables. "There is definitely no excuse for boredom for any of us," Juliana laughs. "Our home has been a great blessing and has afforded our family the opportunity to open our doors and meet new people. For us, this has been a reminder of God's plan always at work in our lives. We all agree – we want people to walk through our front door, or even our back door, and feel welcome. We want guests to enjoy their time here as much as we do...whether they are inside or out."



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Master Bedroom



Upstairs Den

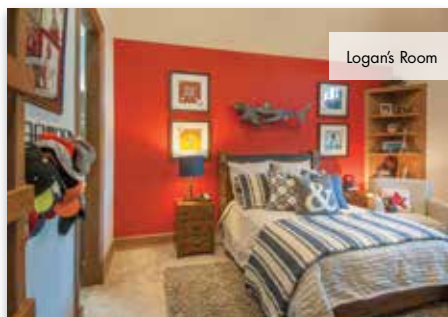


Master Sitting Area



Master Bath

Larger than their previous home, Juliana says she wanted to be sure this home felt just as comfortable and cozy but with a lighter, fresher style. "We made a few layout adjustments and changed the paint color throughout the house. But when we moved in, we moved in with our old stuff and it just didn't go," she says. "Starting in the dining room is what set this redecoration all in motion."



Logan's Room

Juliana explains that the dining room table and the unique light fixtures came with the home. "My husband loved the light fixtures and wanted to keep them. I was okay with that because it's a fun space – but I wanted to update the dining table chairs," she says. "So, I went to Bassett and was connected with their in-house designers Marla Webb and Marla Hargus. I'm so thankful I was!"

Not only did Juliana find just the right chairs, she enjoyed working with Webb and Hargus so much that she continued working with them to finish out the entire home. "I love their personalities and the dynamic of how they work. They do a great job and make the process fun," she says. "I have been so pleased with all of Bassett's furniture and style options – they have many different styles and can accommodate any look you're trying to achieve."



Hannah's Room



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Both the designers and the Whaleys agree, their collaboration created a stylish home that perfectly fits the family's needs. "The main goal was to bring a cohesive, warm feel to their beautiful new home. They are a young and vibrant family so we chose bright, fun colors and casual, elegant furnishings to reflect their personality and style," Webb says. "The biggest challenge we faced was the sheer size of the project. It is a large home and Juliana wanted it to feel cozy and for it to be family-friendly and easy to live and entertain in. Marla [Hargus] and I began the project by getting to know the family in order to find their design style. Next we provided floor plans with furniture layout and design options. Then the fun began. We spent lots of time with Justin and Juliana coming up with the perfect fabric choices to complete the look. We worked on every aspect of the home. It started with furniture placement and went on to include bedding, window treatments, rugs, art, lighting and accessories."

Whether spending time outside and enjoying the country feel or hanging out inside and loving the home's fresh, comfortable design, Juliana says that her family feels they've landed in the perfect spot. "Kids' activities and life keeps us busy and on the go, but we always enjoy the time we get to be home," she says. "It's our retreat spot – we enjoy hanging out when it's just us, as well as having friends over." ■

HOME PROS USED

Audio/Visual: Complete Audio Visual, Inc., Springdale

Contractor: CMI Construction, Springdale

Countertops: (media room kitchenette) New Century Counter Tops & Tile, Springdale

Design Services and Furnishings: Bassett, Fayetteville

Décor and Accessories: Bassett, Fayetteville; Gracious Living Interiors, Lowell; (art) Kelly Green, NWA; (portrait framing) Scott Frame and Art, Fayetteville

Cabinet Pulls: Hearth & Home, Lowell

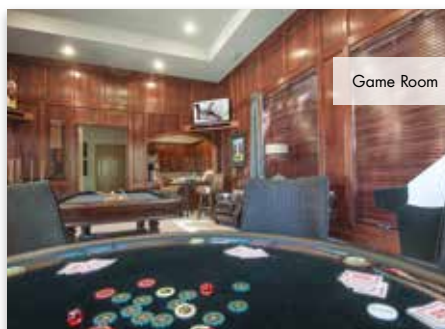
Carpet: Carpet One Floor & Home, locations throughout NWA

Landscaping: All Around Landscaping, Inc., Springdale

Outdoor Furniture: Frontgate, online; Jack Wills Outdoor Living, Springdale

Pool: Krystal Klear Pools, Inc., Springdale

Window Treatments and Bedding: (fabrics, design) Bassett, Fayetteville; (sewing, install) Greenvally Window Solutions, Fayetteville



Game Room



Golf Simulator

