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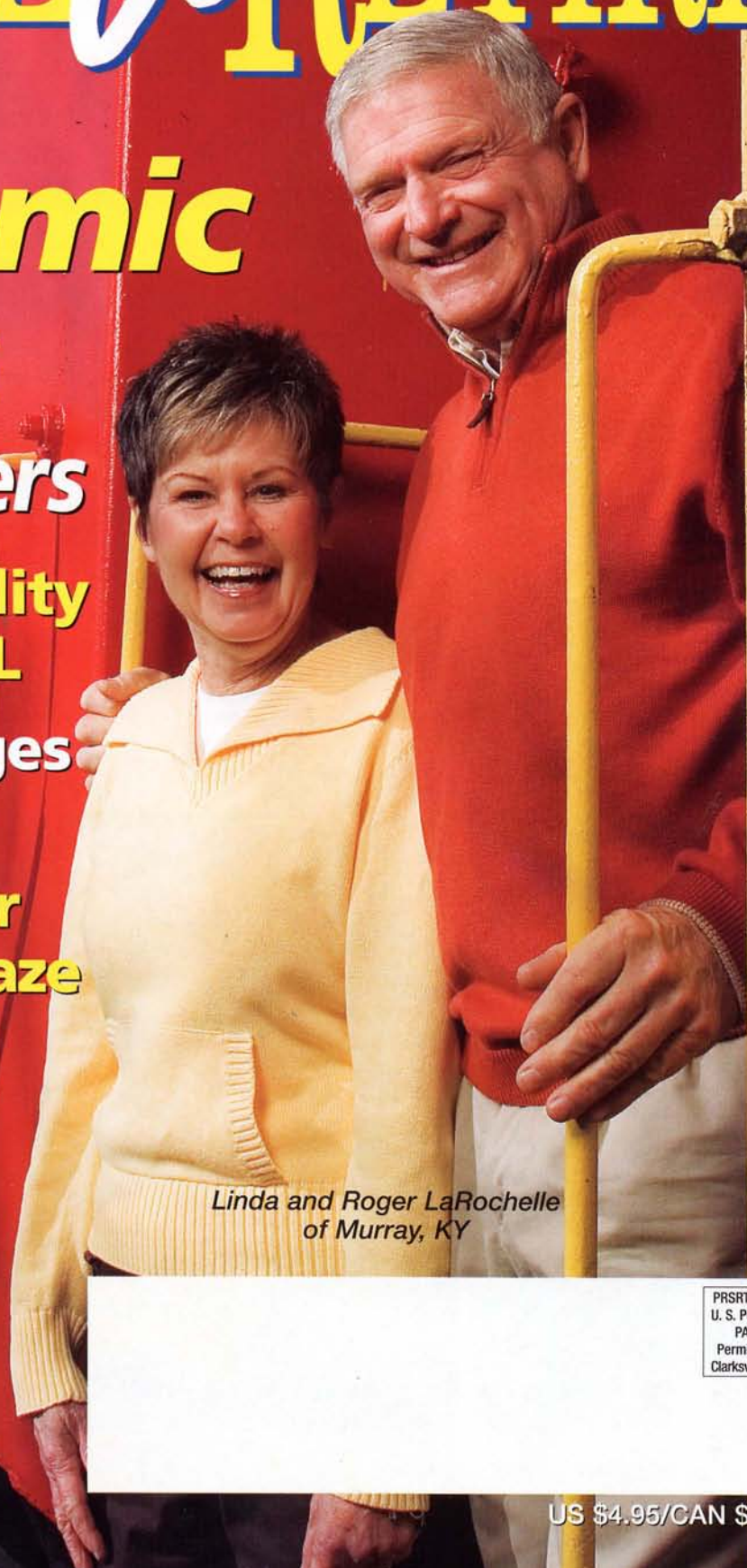
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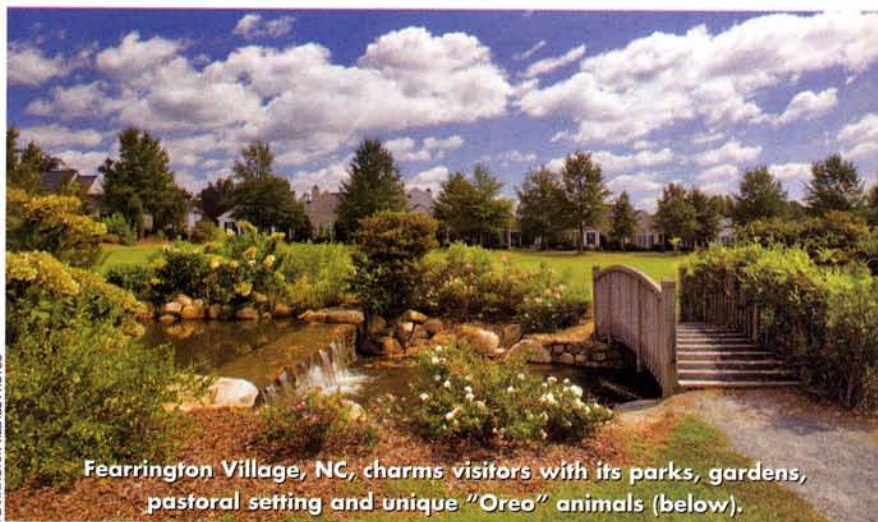
higher if on a golf course, and \$200,000 to \$300,000 for lakefront condos. Nice homes off the lake can be found for under \$200,000.

The area has a fairly moderate four-season climate, gets about 37 inches of rain a year and about 22 inches of snow annually, usually not more than 5 inches at a time.

Beenders says there's an active cultural arts scene, with theater and art guilds and summer outdoor symphony concerts. "There are opportunities to be an active participant in the arts, too," she says. For grandchildren visits, there are several family amusement parks and miniature golf courses, too.

Overall, the area has a good number of attractions for retirement, with a focus on the outdoors and lake recreation.

As for disadvantages, it draws an estimated 5 million visitors a year. There are heavy crowds on summer weekends, putting more boats on the lake, cars on the roads and people in restaurants. "There can be a crowd of boats on the main part of the lake, but



FEARRINGTON VILLAGE PHOTOS

Fearington Village, NC, charms visitors with its parks, gardens, pastoral setting and unique "Oreo" animals (below).

you can go into a little cove and be alone," Beenders says.

Arctic blasts can drop temperatures down to zero or below, but there aren't long spells of frigid temperatures and there are occasional balmy winter days. "July and August can get warm and muggy, but you go jump in the lake," Hankins says. "Spring and fall are beautiful."

This would not be a place for someone who wants quick, easy access to



big-city lights and action. The nearest larger cities are Jefferson City, the capital with about 39,000 residents, about 46 miles northeast of Osage Beach; and Columbia, with about 91,800 residents and home of the main campus of the University of Missouri, about 75 miles northeast.

For more information: Lake of the Ozarks Convention and Visitor Bureau, (800) 386-5253 or www.funlake.com.

NC Country Village Prizes Its 'Oreo' Animals

Do you have any information or recommendations on retirement living options in Fearington Village, near Pittsboro, NC?

Carol Ferguson

About eight miles south of Chapel Hill, this unique community charms many people with its tranquil rural setting, where black-and-white "Oreo" cows and goats graze on green pastures bordered by white fences. The term "Oreo" refers to white belts around their midsections bordered in black. ➤

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Country Club

The belted animals — 55 cows and 15 goats — and three newly added donkeys are a whimsical touch for village residents and for visitors at the distinctive collection of shops and the award-winning Fearington House Country Inn and Restaurant.

from Jesse Fearington and began a country village, giving it the Fearington name. In their travels, the Fitches liked English villages and wanted to create a community with a small-town neighborliness amid English gardens.

to a home-furnishings shop, bank and folk art gallery showing regional artists. The center also hosts wine tastings, cooking classes, presentations by book authors and other events and performances for residents.

The community has walking trails, and the Fearington Swim and Croquet Club has a large outdoor pool, croquet lawn and other games. There are numerous clubs for residents. About 30 golf courses are within 30 minutes of the village.

The 1,400-acre community has five neighborhoods of homes, with about 1,800 residents now. About 70 percent are active retirees, says Phoebe Fox, a spokesperson. About 1,100 homes have been built and about 400 more are planned, with 30 homes usually built per year. Some homes are in the woods, while others overlook parks, pastures or creeks.

Both existing and new homes are available. Existing homes run from the \$180,000s to the \$600,000s. Home sites range from \$65,000 to \$250,000, and new homes generally cost from about \$400,000 upward.

Additionally, a separate component of the property is Galloway Ridge, a continuing-care retirement community, and the Duke Center for Living, a health and wellness facility.

While affording a country village lifestyle, it's close to the many amenities of the triangle area of Chapel Hill, Raleigh and Durham, which offer major universities, medical facilities and activities.

For more information: Fearington Village, (800) 277-0130 or www.fearington.com.



FEARRINGTON VILLAGE

With five neighborhoods amid English gardens, Fearington Village affords a country lifestyle with distinctive homes.

The animals also pay homage to the history of the land, which was a farm dating to the 1700s. In 1974, R.B. Fitch, a builder, and his late wife, Jenny, purchased the farmland

The original farmhouse and some other buildings now are part of the village center, which has dining, gardens and a wide range of shopping and services, from a bookstore

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My husband and I are interested in moving to the Little Rock, AR, area, especially near Sherwood. I have heard that this area is nice and still reasonably priced. Have you any advice as to new housing developments in the area? We would love to build a new home, a reasonable size like 1,250 to 1,750 square feet, since we are semiretired. We prefer a community where we can interact with people of all ages rather than a com-

