

A Home with a View

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ABOVE & INSET: Jim and Diana Copper's 2,800-square-foot home was designed to take full advantage of the view of Dale Hollow Lake. The light hue of Perma-Chink chinking coupled with the Perma-Chink Gentry Gray stain gives the new house the historic look the Coppers envisioned. Honest Abe Log Homes custom crafted the wood siding for a two-car garage to match the house. The balustrade uses metal rods instead of typical wood balusters along the 1,000 square feet of decks.

BELOW: The open concept of the 1,800-square-foot first floor invites conversation and celebration. In addition to the kitchen and dining area with its exposed beam, heavy timber ceiling and vaulted ceiling great room with a view of Dale Hollow Lake, there's a private master bedroom suite and a half bath. A breezeway with a laundry and mudroom connects the kitchen to a two-car garage by an enclosed breezeway. Diana Copper says the large kitchen pantry hidden behind an attractive door is her favorite feature. Kitchen cabinetry from an original design was custom crafted by local cabinetmakers, while the dining table was made by the Coppers.



Perched on a bluff high above Tennessee's Dale Hollow Lake is Jim and Diana Copper's second house by Honest Abe Log Homes, the first having been on their cattle farm in rural Illinois.

The Coppers chose Honest Abe's award-winning Cambridge plan for their 2,800-square-foot new home.

"We loved the Cambridge plan because it had the two-sided, two-story stone fireplace with gas logs

that opens into the living room and on the other side into the dining room," Diana said. "We also loved the high ceilings with heavy timber roofing and natural lighting provided by the window configuration."

Jim said that he chose Honest Abe's Genesis log style because it is square inside and out and could be chinked to look like the log homes built by early Tennessee settlers.

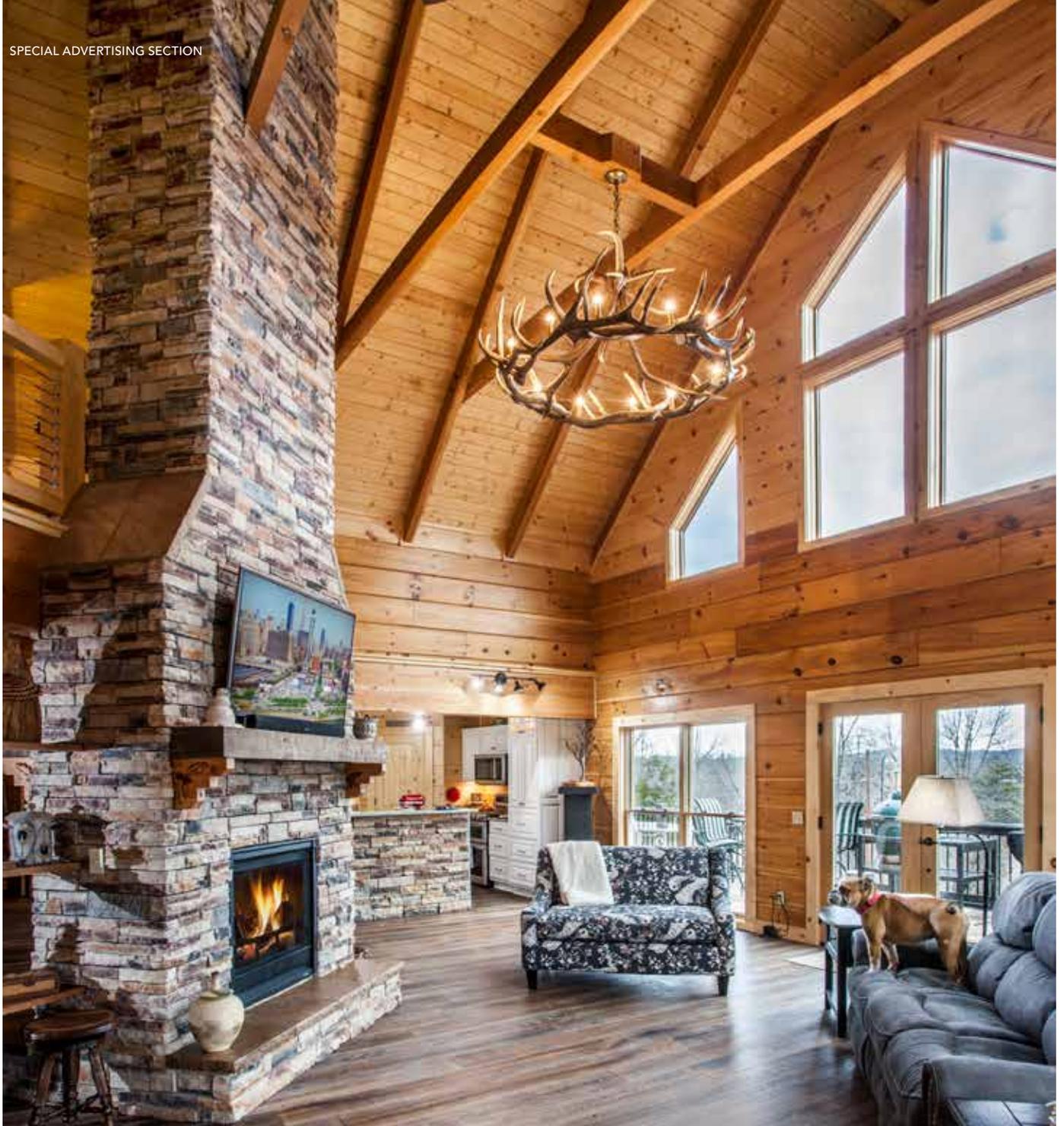
Diana characterized the style of

the house as "a little bit rustic, a little bit country and a little bit industrial."

Seasoned log and timber home contractors James and Ellery Lewis constructed the home.

"We were very pleased with them and their creativity, work ethic and expertise," Jim said of the father-son team.

The Coppers said they made the right decision in choosing Honest Abe Log Homes to design and manufac-



The great room is one and one half stories of square logs capped by a Douglas fir heavy timber, exposed rafter roof system. Floors milled from 7" European oak have an ultra hard finish and are distressed to create an aged appearance for a striking contrast to the naturally finished Eastern White Pine walls. A double opening gas fireplace shared by the dining room and great room with a manufactured stone chimney extending two floors is flanked by display shelves made by the Coppers.

INSET: The Coppers made the mantel of thick, aged wood supported by pine brackets with an oak leaf and acorn design carved by Diana using the ancient art of intarsia.

BELOW & INSET: The first floor master bedroom suite encompasses a luxury master bath plus a closet and dressing room behind a space-saving sliding door. There's a sitting area in a half-hexagon tower. Floors are 7" European oak, and the ceiling features heavy-timber exposed beams. The powder room just outside the bedroom offers comfortable facilities for guests while maintaining the Coppers' master suite privacy.



ture their second custom log home.

"We love the quality of materials, the personal service and the integrity of the company," Diana said, adding that Honest Abe Sale Representative Ethan Birdwell "bent over backwards to help us with anything we needed."



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The Coppers wanted the view from the loft as unobstructed as possible, so they used cables instead of traditional wood balusters on the staircase and landing rails. Two upstairs guest bedrooms and a full bath open onto the loft.

