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TOUCHMARK AT COFFEE CREEK

Edmond homebuilder chooses to make Parkview home

Parkview resident Tom Jones has been building “amazing” homes for more than 45 years and still pursues his love of building every day. Tom began in the construction industry when he was 16 years old, framing homes with his older brother. Last year, Tom built seven homes and currently has five under construction in the Edmond area.

Rather than build a new home for himself in one of Edmond’s great neighborhoods, Tom chose Touchmark because of the sense of community and ability to get to know some new people. “I

have something else to do beyond building houses now. It’s getting to know the neighbors next door, down the street, and in the greater Touchmark community. I want to be closer to people my own age who have shared similar experience in life,” he says.

He can choose to dine with his new friends daily and participate in activities at his leisure. “It was the right decision. It’s a handy location with my bank, a drugstore, and Walmart right down the road.”

Tom stays busy in the Edmond area building homes and visiting every home site each day. For the past 10 years, he has been awarded the city of Edmond’s Building Excellence Award, which is given by the Edmond Building & Fire Code Services Department to the builder with the fewest rejections on mandatory building inspections. He is very proud of his subcontractors, many of whom have worked with him for more than 20 years.

“About 13 years ago, I sold the home next door to my home to a young couple with no kids. They now have a 10½-year-old daughter and a 2½-year-old son. They’ve since adopted me as their grandpa, and they are my grandkids. When they were ready for a bigger home, instead of me building it, I helped them get started in their own homebuilding business. After only 3½ years, it’s a highly successful business.”

When not building homes for others or enjoying his new Parkview home and Touchmark neighbors, Tom likes to have fun on his 200-acre playground east of Edmond. “It’s not an optimal site for a home development, but it’s perfect for running around on my Kawasaki Mule ATV and enjoying the fresh air and great outdoors!”

