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Buffalo Point Retreat located on West King in Waukomis. (Photo provided)

A years-long vision

Buffalo Point Retreat in Waukomis to open in June

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Buffalo Point Retreat will open as a premier boutique event destination in early June. Having served as a private estate since 2011, Buffalo Point, located in Waukomis, will become accessible to the public for the first time.

Featuring a picturesque space for weddings, meetings and other private gatherings and retreats, Buffalo Point also offers onsite lodging.

Buffalo Point is the years-long vision of owners Mo and Richard Anderson, who have uniquely cultivated a slice of secluded serenity while also providing a space for greater community connection. Designed for private functions, guests of Buffalo Point will have exclusive access to all of the property's facilities, including The Barn, a custom designed pool, vineyard, greenhouse and gardens, chicken coop and seven rooms of lodging throughout the duration of their visit.

The sprawling complex is situated on more than seven acres of farmland and offers a thoughtfully curated experience tailored to each guest's needs, from fully provisioned private kitchens with farm fresh produce to wine tastings sourced from the property's own garden and vineyard.

"Watching our dream of relaunching Buffalo Point become a reality has been nothing short of amazing and a true labor of love," said Mo Anderson. "After years of enjoying this special place with our loved ones, Richard and I wanted to share it with others and offer a beautiful retreat for people to celebrate life's special moments and milestones. After a year like 2020, there is a renewed appreciation for opportunities to come together with family, friends and colleagues, and it is our hope that Buffalo Point will be a place where lasting memories are made."

The Andersons have strong ties to Waukomis, where they both grew up. The high school sweethearts were raised with



The pool area at Buffalo Point Retreat in Waukomis offers a relaxing retreat. (Photo provided)

humble beginnings as the children of farmers and immigrants, and each went on to build a successful business empire, illustrating their own American family success story.

Mo serves as co-owner, vice chairman and former CEO of Keller Williams Realty, as well as a renowned speaker, thought leader, educator and Oklahoma Hall of Fame honoree. She also is largely credit-

ed as the driving force that helped make Keller Williams one of the most successful global franchises in real estate history.

Richard, owner of Stonebridge Village headquartered in Enid, is a successful developer in both commercial and residential real estate.

More information about Buffalo Point Retreat is available at www.buffalopointretreat.com.



Drummond's Mack named state Star Farmer in production agriculture

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Caitlyn Mack, a member of Drummond FFA, recently was named 2021 Star Farmer of Oklahoma in production agriculture.

She received the honor during the 95th annual Oklahoma FFA convention. Mack was presented with the Governor's Trophy and a cash award of \$1,700 sponsored by Davis Farmers of Guthrie, Oklahoma Farm Bureau, McDonald's and the Chickasaw Nation.

Mack has a diversified SAE (supervised agricultural exper-

ience) where she manages 227 acres of her own farmland, producing wheat, milo, soybeans and canola. She also has a commercial cow herd and a flock of sheep, produces hay and works on her family farm and ranch near Drummond with her father, brothers, cousins, uncles and grandfather.

In addition to her farming operation, she exhibits market steers and wether goats at livestock shows.

Farming and ranching with her family is a passion for Mack.

"I wanted to show that I truly care about production agriculture and feeding the world, but farming is a challenging profession full

of problems that have to be overcome," she said. "Market prices constantly fluctuate. Fuel, fertilizer, equipment and other input costs are constantly on the rise, and all of the challenges Mother Nature gives you also shows you how to work hard and come up with solutions to problems."

The COVID pandemic also emphasized the importance of agriculture, and the role farmers and ranchers have in this world.



Caitlyn Mack, 2021 Star Farmer of Oklahoma

"The world didn't stop for farmers. They didn't take days off. When the pandemic hit, American farmers and ranchers didn't go on lock down. They continued to care for their livestock and crops, and continued to feed the world with a highest quality, safest food source in the world," Mack said.

One of her favorite FFA moments was making it to the state FFA Creed contest finals as a freshman.

"Throughout the years, FFA has taught me hard work pays off, and you don't want to let opportunities pass you by," she said.

She participates in livestock judging, meats evaluation, agronomy and speech contests, and she has served as Drummond FFA president for the past three years. She credits her family and her agricultural education instructor and FFA adviser, Keith Dillingham, for supporting and encouraging her.

Mack plans to attend Oklahoma State University with a double major in animal science and agricultural education while continuing to farm with her family.