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Second thoughts about the first home

Craig Brumfield doesn't spend much time in Miami anymore. The retired investment banker from Florida spends nearly all his time at the home he built with his girlfriend in Sunset Falls at Bald Creek.

Near Crabtree, north of Waynesville, the development is Craig's own (well, his and his fellow investors). He and longtime girlfriend Randy Gallupe started construction last spring and moved in on Christmas Eve.

Randy, whose 15-year-old son is in high school in Florida, spends more time in south Florida than Craig does. But they were up at the house all summer with Craig, a West Virginia native who always wanted to return to the mountains.



"The mountain setting is magnificent," he said. "And this is definitely a mountain house. We tried to make it as if we had found a house built in the 1700s out here in the woods."

Well, a house with modern conveniences, any way. But, with floors and beams salvaged from old barns and buildings, it does look old. The low luster of hardware and countertops also gives it an antiquated look. Craig was looking back while keeping his eye forward.

"I built it for the family to be in for the next few hundred years," he said.

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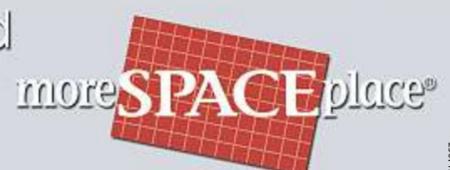
Celebrity chef Art Smith cooks up a burger that's big on flavor and memories. **PAGE D7**



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