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Signature-branded equestrian facility community The Oaks of Lake City opens spring 2008

LAKE CITY, FL — The Oaks of Lake City, a new ruralism community that combines the best of rural living with the best of suburban living, announces today that its custom-designed residential equestrian amenities will be open for use in early spring 2008. The Oaks is home to the world's first exclusively-branded O'Connor Signature equestrian facility, associated with world-renowned equestrian experts, Olympians Karen and David O'Connor. Modeled on successful golf industry branding and management concepts, similar to communities that boast an Arnold Palmer or Jack Nicklaus golf course, construction on the 1,222 acre community began this past spring.

Designed in partnership with Dicks Realty, equestrian Olympians Karen and David O'Connor, and Equestrian Services, LLC, the company that is setting the standards for planning, designing, and managing equestrian amenities for resorts and communities worldwide, The Oaks features superior amenities and facilities for the eques-



Equestrian Barn

trian and nature lover alike. It provides an opportunity for residents to enjoy country living only 30 minutes from Gainesville, recently nominated "The Best Place to Live in the USA" in 2007 by USA Today.

"The Oaks' is pleased to offer Florida and the world the first O'Connor Signature equestrian community," said Brad Dicks, Owner, Dicks Realty. "We are excited to work with such legendary equestrians in developing The Oaks, and we are pleased to bring Northern Florida a superior residential community."

David O'Connor said, "We are excited to provide horse enthusiasts from all riding disciplines quality facilities

so close to their homes. The Oaks facility will follow our standards, offering a level of excellence and quality all horse owners and enthusiasts will appreciate. The facilities and amenities that will be incorporated into the community and landscape will ensure all community members may take full advantage of the equestrian lifestyle."

Located in Northern Florida, northwest to Gainesville and west from Jacksonville, the O'Connor Signature at The Oaks will feature special characteristics and amenities:

- More than 260 acres of open space and parks
- More than 40 acres of fenced pasture

- 234 home sites, including 136 equestrian estate lots with access to concierge-style services offered at the central facility and 98 traditional lots

- 76 Acre Gold O'Connor Signature competition quality equestrian center

- A custom 33 stall barn

- Outdoor arena

- Covered arena and covered round pen

- David O'Connor designed cross-country course

- Strategically located Equestrian Recreation Areas (ERAs)

- 15 miles of looped multi-use trails for hiking, jogging and walking that meander throughout the community

- Dog park

Nearly two million people own the 9.2 million horses in the United States, with another two million people involved as equestrian volunteers or engaged in the equestrian lifestyle through family affiliation, according to the American Horse Council Foundation (AHCF). In fact, horseback riding is among the five fastest growing sports in the U.S. ■