



Richard and Connie Killebrew are right at home in their oasis which is a combination of natural and man-made wonders.

Weakley County's own enchanted home

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Some people are lucky to see a hummingbird out their window throughout the summer months. But Richard and Connie Killebrew of Dresden can look out their window at any given time of day to see three bald eagles swoop down from the tree branches and dine on fish from the pond that is just beyond their home.

Entering the gates of the home driving along the one-mile driveway, one can glance on either side and find paradise in two of five ponds and lights embedded in the stone that light up the atmosphere.

The path through the landscape is a creative outdoor kitchen surrounded by torch lighting and a shooting fire fountain. This personalized outdoor kitchen features every amenity possible.

The 450 acres of an en-

vironment of wild animals and gorgeous specimens of plants have influenced the design of this landscape.

In the midst of the property is an American Flag waving high above the trees. Three topiary deer rest on the hilltop and the sculptured topiary of dolphins on each side of the infinity pool that leads out to the main 10-acre pond also features a topiary fisherman holding a fishing pole.

These amazing topiary sculptures are trained perennial plants, flown in from Oregon in crates, positioned with a forklift, and then taken root in their strategic locations.

There are boxwood hedges, flowering shrubs, and plants around the patio with a red-leaf weeping Japanese tree, which was the Killebrew's design for this landscape.

The unique personality of Richard and Connie are evident as their private

home serves for entertaining family and friends, in addition to relaxation. By incorporating the couple's own characteristics, this designed landscape becomes more than just a "thing" that surrounds a house. The beautiful grounds merge nature with culture, bridging the space between architecture and garden design. It is also an art of arranging nature's elements of the land.

This home, nestled outside of Dresden, with its magnificent views gives the Killebrews direct access to an outdoor oasis.



Topiary dolphins grace this water feature.

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