

REMODEL *Transforms* the
Ordinary to Extraordinary



This Project Exemplifies a Combination
of Practical Application and Luxury

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ken and Sue met Chad Scott of T.A. Scott Construction during the 2012 Parade of Homes. His casual, unassuming demeanor caught their attention. As the conversation ensued, his extensive knowledge of construction made a permanent imprint in their minds, so it was no wonder they hired him the following fall for the extensive remodel of their newly purchased waterfront home.

Nestled amongst towering trees with views of the pristine, tranquil waters of Weeds Lake, the home was a nature lover's dream. Captivating, mesmerizing. A welcomed world away from the demands of everyday life. However, the house needed some changes to be perfect for this couple.

Ken and Sue were very specific about what they needed and what they wanted. The home was to be handicap accessible, complete with all the amenities, and of course, must feature superlative quality.

"This project needed to be dead on and entailed a lot of preparation, planning, rethinking and meetings with Ken and Sue to make sure things were exact," shares Scott.

They stuck with Chad's initial plan with few changes. Plans to complete the unfinished lower level included a theater room, but not just any theater room. Their theater room would feature a candy counter, reclining couches, bar and social area, along with lights that dim automatically when the movie starts and an LG 84-inch TV. It also included a walnut handcrafted wine cellar totally enclosed in concrete. The craftsmanship is synonymous with a work of art handcrafted by cabinet maker Hans Juntunen. The 1,000 bottle wine cellar has a selection for the most discerning connoisseur. An exercise room doubles as a guest bedroom with a Murphy bed available whenever needed. The compact kitchenette is complete with a refrigerator disguised as a guitar amp—a nod to the homeowners' passion for guitars—dishwasher and microwave.

The largest undertakings were the elevator and the swimming pool. The elevator was installed in the center of the home accessing all three floors. It entailed moving HDH, joists, plumbing and electrical.

Installing the pool entailed taking out the back wall of the house, installing steel pilings, similar to those used for Lake Michigan piers to hold back the earth, and then excavating with a heavy duty engine hoist.

The finished product is a breathtaking showcase of visual pleasure with state-of-the-art technology for convenience and pleasure. The ten-foot glass walls make a statement unto themselves. A rain showerhead replenishes the pool's water level. Its LED lights create an illusionary trickling of water like that of a spring rain. It has climate and humidity controls. The SwimEx pool creates a current for swimming stamina and muscle building. The pool also has a removable panel to accommodate the height of the man of the house for in-pool exercising. An adjoining sauna with its digital control panel can be set and ready when swimming regimens are complete. A mirror behind one of the glass walls gives the illusion of grandeur and size. The technical mastery also included a hallway running poolside to the wine cellar to comply with handicap accessible requirements.

This renovation project is truly one of mastery and skill infusing precision with technical expertise. This is where Chad Scott's unassuming behavior transitions into collaborator of skill and energy for aesthetic sensibility. For the homeowners, it means satisfaction and a job well done. □

PREVIOUS PAGE:

T.A. Scott Construction's attention to detail created a spacious home filled with light, comfort and a connection to the outdoors.

INSET: It's only a short, scenic walk to the water's edge.

THIS PAGE:

The home is very well hidden amongst the heavily wooded lot.





Detailing in this home is exceptional and rare.

ABOVE: The expansive wine cellar is constructed of walnut and finished with a patterned floor of Brazilian teak.
MIDDLE: Multi-functional, the exercise room doubles as a guest bedroom.
BELOW: The custom designed Murphy bed makes the transition simple and easy.



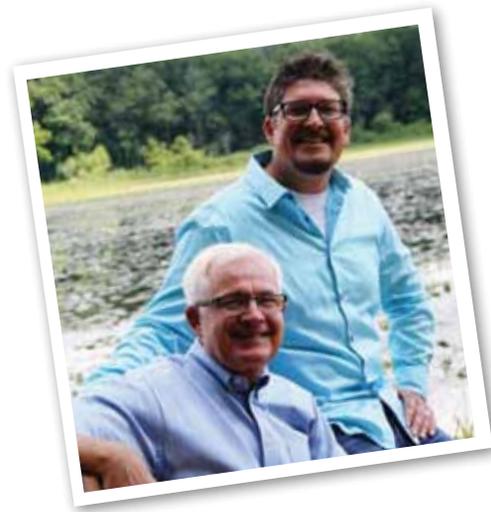
ABOVE: This exceptional theater room has a wet bar and a social area—the unique candy counter satisfies the munchies during intermissions.
LEFT: Integrated speakers are well hidden, but the sound system and DVD storage are housed in custom cherry cabinetry to admire.
RIGHT: Reclining seats add comfort and additional seating away from the social area.



ABOVE: Ten-foot tall glass panels and door enclose the pool area.
BELOW LEFT: Mirrors behind the glass panels add expanse and drama to this already dynamic indoor recreation area.
BELOW RIGHT: Suspended glass cubes above the kitchenette countertop highlight cabinet maker Hans Juntunen's ingenuity and craftsmanship.

OPPOSITE PAGE:
 The state-of-the-art SwimEx pool is a beautiful addition to this outstanding home spa.

T.A. Scott Construction



PRINCIPAL OWNERS: Thomas and Chad Scott

NUMBER OF YEARS IN BUSINESS:

T.A. Scott Construction has been in business for more than 35 years.

EDUCATION:

Tom graduated from Western Michigan University in 1974 with a degree in Political Science. Chad is a 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University, with a degree in Business Management.

YEAR BUSINESS STARTED: 1976

BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY:

We believe that building homes is a hands-on experience and that each customer deserves only the utmost in care and communication every step of the way. Though we pride ourselves on our experience, we also take a fresh approach to home building and stay on top of industry trends and new innovations.

Our crew is made up of industry veterans as well as young minds. This provides our clients with skilled craftsmen who have decades of experience under their tool belt, as well as the ability to create innovative new floor plans and interior designs.

WHAT SETS YOUR BUSINESS APART?

We began as a small family-based operation, but have grown to become a leader in new home construction, specializing in custom homes and luxury lakefront living.

We work directly with clients, every step of the way. Our clients know that they can call us, anytime and get a simple and direct answer to any question or concern. The process of building a home is complicated – but it shouldn't be stressful.

Our employees construct the home from pouring the foundation to the final paint stroke. This means a significant savings for the customer and gives us control of the time frame and quality of each project.

HOBBIES, VOLUNTEERISM, ETC. :

Chad is an avid golfer, boater and animal lover. T.A. Scott Construction has built several charity projects in the area, including little league dug-outs and a large animal hospital barn for the Circle D. Wildlife Refuge. Chad lives in Vicksburg with his wife, Stephanie, daughter Olive (age 2) and his "co-worker," Poppers the dog.

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ABOVE: A unique, octagonal screened porch is one of many areas to enjoy nature and waterfront views.

BELOW: The digitally controlled sauna is located in the pool area for relaxation after exercising.