



CITY meets COUNTRY

A Harmonious Combination Delivers an Ideal Home

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exterior

The wooded lot, close to town but far enough into the country to provide privacy, was just what the homeowners were looking for.

Seeking to build upon their children's enjoyment of the outdoors, it was Kelly and Todd's wish to find a wooded lot. Yet, they did not want to be far from their existing neighbors, who had become close friends, or be far from grocery stores and other conveniences of city living. When they stumbled upon a wooded lot in Cascade Township only two miles from their existing home, it was an irresistible choice.

Combining the better of two worlds—country living and city life—became the inspiration for this home. Builder Doug DeHaan, of DeHaan Homes, and designer Laura Davidson made a team effort to translate their ideas into a home that was simple and elegant, with artfully integrated historical ideas combined with a splash of modern flare. "They simply took our words and painted the picture that we had always envisioned," shares Kelly.

The modern farm-styled home exudes ingenuity and style with a plentitude of unique features and details. For example, the vestibule boasts a unique airlock design that prevents the cold air of Michigan winters from blowing through the home. This, combined with the convenience of seating and a place for coats and boots, creates a truly custom entryway.

Immediately upon entering the foyer you can segue to the upstairs. The second access is from the main living area. "It is a convenient way to separate the upstairs, foyer and primary living space while allowing for privacy," explains Kelly.

There is a third incomparable feature in this modern farm superlative. Builder Douglas DeHaan was able to combine two antique wood gym doors with its multiple panes of glass creating a barn door replica, complete with original hardware, for the locker room.

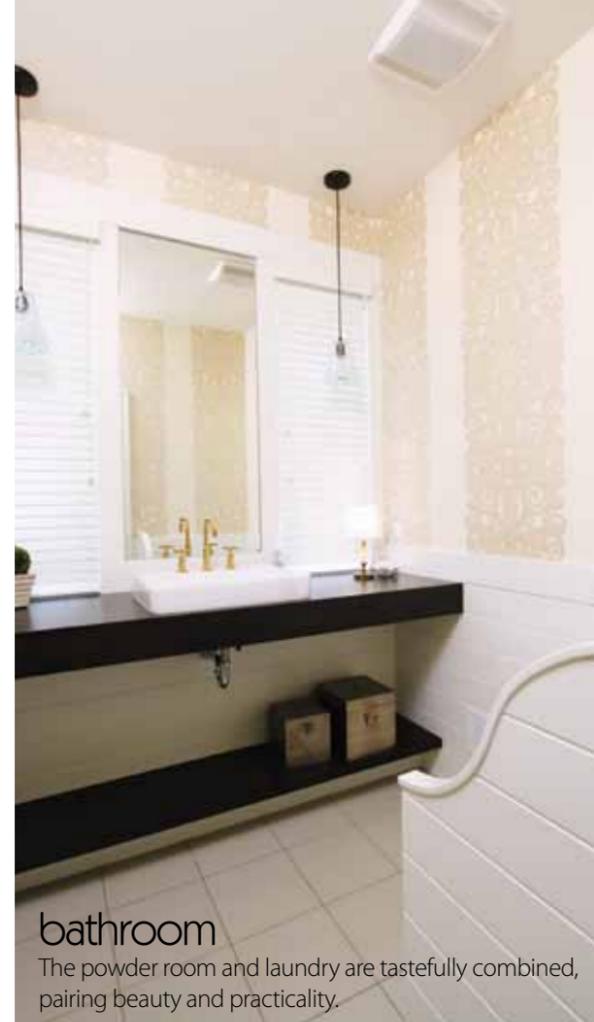
Kelly and Todd commend DeHaan's ability to process and mold the concept of their ideas into the tangible with phenomenal results. "Doug takes your ideas and builds upon them, crafting them along the way, making improvements...leading to comfortable flow, while maintaining beautiful sight lines," share the homeowners.

Country charm can be seen throughout the home with a selection of finishes including wall coverings, hardware, the unfinished oak floor, wall sconces and 7-inch moldings.

Kelly describes her kitchen as "perfect." It features superb style and functionality with its custom built-in refrigerator and freezer, as well as the custom range hood, professional appliances and oversized island. The island is the ideal setting where the entire family can sit for a quick meal and engage in family time during those busy nights frequently packed with activities. Country style is depicted in the stainless apron sink and maple cabinetry, while ample wood pillars articulate modern elegance.

The master suite is all you can imagine. Ceiling detail adds flare, while custom his and her closets add luxuriant practicality. A generous master bath with marble floor contains an over-sized soaking tub, custom cabinets and dual sinks. A walk-in, tiled shower with multiple shower heads is tucked neatly around the corner, eliminating the need for a shower door.

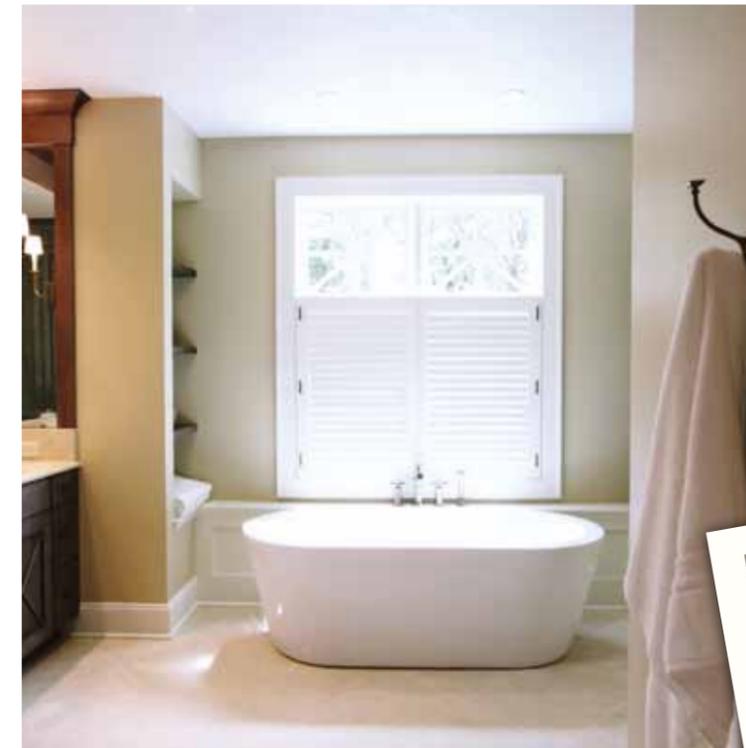
Todd and Kelly have experienced the stress of building a home, but have also felt the gratification upon completion of taking in all the ideas that have gone from discussion, to drawings, to reality. "You feel like all the second-guessing came out right, and want to give credit to those who have helped build your dream," share Kelly and Todd, with a smile. ☐



bathroom
The powder room and laundry are tastefully combined, pairing beauty and practicality.



dining room
Casual comfort with a view is the ideal for dining pleasure.



kitchen
The custom stove hood, Thermadore appliances, and stainless steel apron sink accent the large island and maple cabinets.

master bathroom
Marble flooring is the perfect surround for the oversized soaking tub in the master bathroom.



bedroom/loft

Secondary sleeping quarters offer an unexpected space for the "Boys Club."



living room

Designed with the view in mind, this living room offers casual, comfy seating for watching the big game or relaxing by the fire with a cup of tea and a good book.



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den

The den offers a neutral color palette accented with pillows and in-vogue nail head detailing.





back porch

The porch is picture perfect with comfort to enjoy the idyllic, natural setting for which the home was built.



laundry room

The checkered floor combined with minimal accessorizing speaks to country charm with flair of elegance.



DeHaan Homes

PRINCIPAL OWNER: Douglas A. DeHaan

NUMBER OF YEARS IN BUSINESS: 28

EDUCATION: Associate degree in Business

YEAR BUSINESS STARTED:

DeHaan Homes Incorporated in 1992. Douglas DeHaan is a fourth-generation builder with his Great-Grandfather beginning in 1926.

BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY:

Our goal is to:

- Design homes with architectural interest
- Build with peerless construction techniques
- Accountable to deliver on time and on budget
- Using the Talents of our team
- Creating an enjoyable experience for our clients

WHAT SETS YOUR BUSINESS APART?

Implementing our philosophy consistently

HOBBIES, VOLUNTEERISM, ETC. :

Douglas DeHaan has written a book and has just released the second addition: *Inside Tips to Building a Custom Home*.

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