

REGIONAL FEATURE

EPIQUE HOMES

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Yesteryear with a Modern Twist

T“FORE!” This call is most often heard on the golf course, but Troy Schrock and his family may hear it while relaxing on their covered porch swing or taking a dip in their pool! Located on nearly six acres, this Cape Cod-style home with a Michigan flair is nestled perfectly at the 15th hole of the Egypt Valley Golf Course in the quaint community of Ada. With a stunning tree line and rolling meadows, Troy and his team at Epique Homes could not pass up the opportunity to build the ideal home on this site... but this time it was for his own family! With over 21 years of experience and having built more than 500 homes, Troy knew that the topography of the golf course made this property the optimal site to build a forever home for his family of six.

A primary objective when designing the home was to capture the panoramic views from every room. The floor-to-ceiling windows encompassing the entire back side of the 5,460 square foot house undeniably met this standard. From the loft, composed of interior windows, to the master shower with custom walnut grooves for viewing the course, every inch of space allows the homeowners to enjoy the beauty that living in Michigan has to offer.



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Designing a timeless home is the mission for Troy and his team, which includes architect Greg Ellis at L.S. Design. Epique's aspiration was to build a home that suited the lay of the land. Panoramic views from the home's interior were a necessity, but the appearance of the exterior was also taken into consideration. "We purposefully created the back of the home to appear more like the front so golfers on the course are able to enjoy their view as well," noted Troy. "We have received many compliments on this design."

Functionality with purpose also defines this six-bedroom, four-and-a-half-bath transitional home. "We design houses by the way we live, rather than how we were taught to live," Troy explains. Many seldom-used spaces such as formal dining rooms are being dispensed with, leaving larger areas for where most people congregate -- the kitchen, great room, and, with four children, the mudroom! The 10-foot quartz-topped island surrounded by custom cabinetry and Wolf and Sub-Zero appliances makes the kitchen not only stunning, but functional as well. The large butler's pantry accommodates a modern sliding barn door for ease of access coupled with visual appeal. Alongside the kitchen sit the substantial dining area and the four-season room, which is tucked in so as not to obscure any views. Once again, the innovative use of interior windows as well as custom-made shiplap make this room an original.

Flowing directly from the kitchen, the great room features a two-story stone fireplace and original walnut ceiling beams that create a feeling of warmth and intimacy. Polly Timmer, the interior designer, was able to infuse every aspect of the design with energized creativity to allow for care-free living.

The master suite lives up to its name by carrying its own unique qualities and exemplifying functionality. A one-of-a-kind Epique Resource Room that combines a walk-in closet, office, and laundry provides practicality and is a great use of space. A hidden 4x2-foot area contains a hamper that rolls directly into the laundry room when needed. The walk-in closet hosts an array of custom built-ins in lieu of the homeowners having to "decorate" with excess furniture in the bedroom. A large decorative mirror in the master bedroom conceals a hidden flat-screen television. This same





feature is incorporated in the mirror in the spa bath, where a modern free-standing tub awaits bubbles and a favorite show. From the master suite, the homeowners can walk out to the extensive outdoor living area that is enhanced by a large covered porch, gas lanterns, a saltwater pool, and natural gas fire bowls to help warm up the night.

Inspired by Troy's fourth great-grandfather, a barn builder, the finished basement encompasses everything a "Man Cave" is deemed to be. "I wanted to incorporate a wall using wood from my great-grandfather's barn he constructed in 1864, but wasn't able to," noted Troy. "In the short term, I had to use 100-year-old barn wood from a different building, but it will eventually be replaced by my great-grandfather's barn wood."

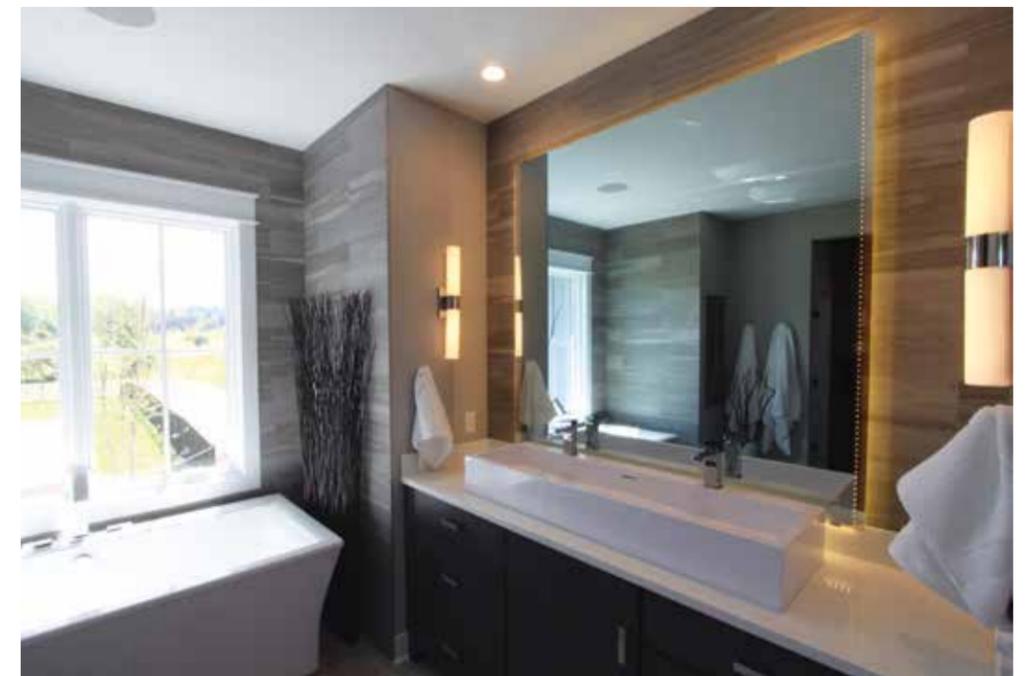
Opposite the barn wood wall, stunning exterior brick was placed perfectly in order to give the appearance of an old factory building. Using a thick mortar in combination with the random placement of the lighter-colored bricks gave the effect that Troy was searching for. Glass walls surround the exterior of a workout room, providing a sense of openness, while stadium seating adorns the living space. A pool table, mini bar, and half-bath are situated near the door for easy access to pool-goers who are done in the sun!

In addition to the visual aesthetics of this home, the core quality illustrates above-standard expectations. Building an energy-efficient home was important to Troy and his team. Ninety percent of this home employs LED lighting, exceeding the highest level of Energy Star requirements. Another feature is the foam insulation used on the home's exterior to create a thermal break. In fact, an outside auditor explained that the home's heat load is less than a 1,700 square foot 1950s ranch!

The focus of Epique Homes is centered on communication with their clients and the transparency with which they operate. They view the homebuyer-builder relationship as a collaborative partnership every step of the way. A personal website is set up so that each homebuyer has access to the organization and details of their new home. "The building process has never been easier or more fun," states Gina Trook, a current client of Epique Homes. "They are by your side, guiding you each step of the way. Troy Shrock and his team are not only exceptional at building quality custom homes, but building lasting relationships with their clients as well." The hard work, dedication, and ingenuity of each member of the team truly set this company above the rest.

So, whether you desire a friendly neighborhood, the breathtaking sunsets of Lake Michigan, or the rolling hills of a nearby golf course, Epique Homes is sure to build a home you will treasure for a lifetime! □

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THOUGHTS FROM THE BUILDER... Troy Schrock

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