

# A DREAM FOR A *Family* HOME

More Is Better When It Comes To A House Full Of Family And Friends



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**f**amily and kids, kids, kids were at the center of design decisions for this Cascade Township, Grand Rapids, home.

Centrally located near high standard schools and work, the location is ideal. More importantly, the neighborhood boasts numerous play areas, and sidewalks for easy bike rides or walks to friends and neighbors. “The location is perfect—Grand Rapids is such a wonderful place to raise a family,” shares the lady of the house.

With four children under the age of ten, at any given time there at least that many more walking in and out. The inspiration was to build a home that would be comfortable and fun—a gathering place for growing kids and their friends. “We love to entertain, to have a house full of family and friends,” explains the mother of four.

Builder Troy Schrook, of Epique Homes, describes the Cascade home as a refreshing collaboration of style, design and detailed quality inside and out: a design that fits his customers needs.

Because Epique has a commitment that all their homes meet or exceed Energy Star requirements, their clients receive the best energy efficiency possible. Each home is tested and certified, receiving the highest level possible: Energy Star. That commitment was high on the list for the homeowners.

The shared vision and mutual appreciation for style and craftsmanship made a perfect fit between the owners and Epique Homes.

Using Epique’s team of local trade partners was important to his customers. Page Woodworking custom-built all the cabinets. All bathroom sinks in the house are made from concrete by local company, Hard Topix. Belden Brick supplied all the living room fireplace stone, which was quarried here in Michigan.

The main floor master suite is well thought out, yet still allows for a large main floor living space. The upstairs offers four bedrooms, baths, its own loft/living area





for kids to hang out.

Looking forward to forever gathering crowds, special attention was paid to the kitchen. An exceptionally large island was designed to accommodate seating for six. The kitchen is open to the informal dining area and primary living area so everyone can be in the same space. The home also offers a resource-room—a dream for any busy mom. Other unique features include ceiling design and finishes, and a mirror with built-in TV.

During lot selection, Troy came up with the idea of an indoor basketball court. The man of the house was sold! The basketball/wallyball court is a fun space for kids, big and small—especially during Michigan winters.

Outdoor living spaces were not neglected. They include: built-in fire pits for bonfires with family and friends; a large front porch with speakers to communicate with children at play in the front yard; a relaxing screened back porch off the kitchen, which offers ideal options for any kind of entertaining.

The Grand Rapids couple describes the Epique team as fantastic, innovative and very professional. “They are just great people and truly made the entire building process enjoyable,” share the homeowners. “We definitely give them our highest recommendation.”

**PREVIOUS PAGE:**

**ABOVE:** A combination of materials yields a family-friendly home.

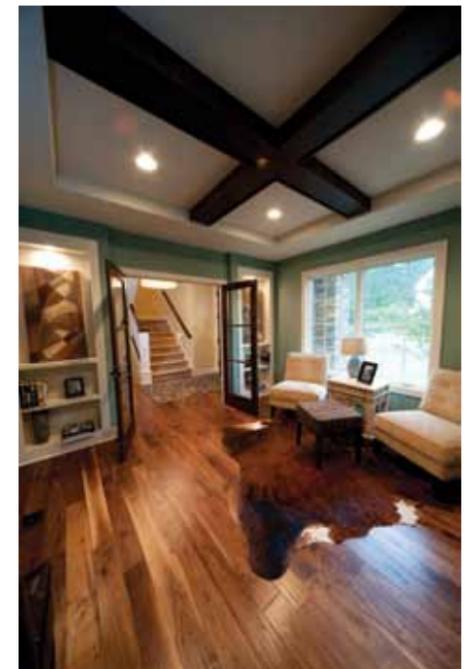
**BELOW:** The outdoor fire pit is a favorite exterior living space.

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**ABOVE:** An oversized island provides informal seating for the large groups of children and friends always hovering in the kitchen.

**MIDDLE:** Dual pendants balance the inviting space.

**BELOW:** An open, sleek appearance in the kitchen and throughout was exactly the look the homeowners desired.



**TOP:** The open kitchen, eating area and living space allows for large crowds to share the same space.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** The fireplace stone was quarried here in Michigan.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Heavy beams add warmth and architectural detail, expressing the creativity of the Epique team.



## Epique Homes

OWNER:  
Troy Schrock

YEAR BUSINESS STARTED:  
2008

YEARS IN BUSINESS:  
4

EDUCATION:  
Owner Troy Schrock has a degree in business and marketing from Cornerstone University.

BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY:  
Surpassing customer expectations throughout every phase of the building process is our passion. We do this with a great team that focuses on core quality, exceptional communication, and unique plans and interior design. Our process helps our customers obtain their true desires, while enjoying each stage of building their home.

WHAT SETS YOUR BUSINESS APART?  
My team has more than 60 years of combined experience in new home construction. We know how important every decision is, and how important it is for our customers to follow every aspect of the building process. That's why we offer secure, online access to your very own web page with all the details of your new home. You will be able to track photos of the construction progress, view the build schedule, view and approve change orders and selections, as well as access important documents. Our customers can easily communicate with our team whether they are at home, work or even on vacation. These things, along with our desire to help customers design homes that fit their lifestyle and homes that offer exceptional core quality, set us apart in our industry.

HOBBIES, VOLUNTEERISM, ETC.:  
I have been married for 18 years and have 4 great children. I enjoy coaching my kids, golf and travel. I am a real estate broker in the state of Michigan, a member of the HBA and I am currently serving on the parade committee.

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The Epique team took every detail that was important to us and came up with the perfect plan.



TOP: Stunning detail adds "wow" to this master bedroom.  
MIDDLE LEFT: A cozy nook for sleeping, reading and hanging out.  
MIDDLE RIGHT: Custom built-in bunks leave plenty of floor space for play.  
BOTTOM RIGHT: The vanity top and sink are custom made of concrete.



TOP LEFT: The indoor basketball court is a homeowner favorite.  
MIDDLE: Large living spaces for entertaining were a prerequisite for the building plans.  
BOTTOM: A screened porch on the back of the house is ideal for relaxing any time of day.