



and beyond building a good home.”

Theresa adds, “Materials should be obtained within a 500 mile radius from the site – tiles from Italy won’t add points.” Theresa also explains that additional points are given for a detached garage, which allows for more windows around the house and eliminates the possibility of fumes that seep into a home from an attached garage. A mudroom earns points for its purpose of removing shoes at the door instead of potentially tracking in harmful pesticides and other unwanted residue.

“The emphasis on this home is very high tech but it looks like a home,” explains Brad adding that Newsom’s skill in selecting textures, color and natural materials gives the home its modern yet warm feel. “I don’t think anyone walking into this house would have any idea it is a LEED certified home,” notes Theresa.

Newsom was not one to install every “green gadget” on the market. For this home, it was about constructing a healthy environment that is durable and sustainable with as small a footprint as possible. Newsom’s home is very sensible, elegant and comfortable.

For Newsom, a self-proclaimed architect wannabe and empty-nester, her contemporary farmhouse is a quiet retreat in a friendly community of both equestrians and non-riders. Located at the front of the development is Cobblestone Farms, a state-of-the-art boarding and event training facility where Cobblestone Estates residents have the option of boarding their horses and where Newsom’s 7-year-old horse named Spike resides. At anytime, Newsom and Spike can go for a walk around the two miles of shared trails that travel through the wooded estates and revel in the peaceful setting with her neighbors. □



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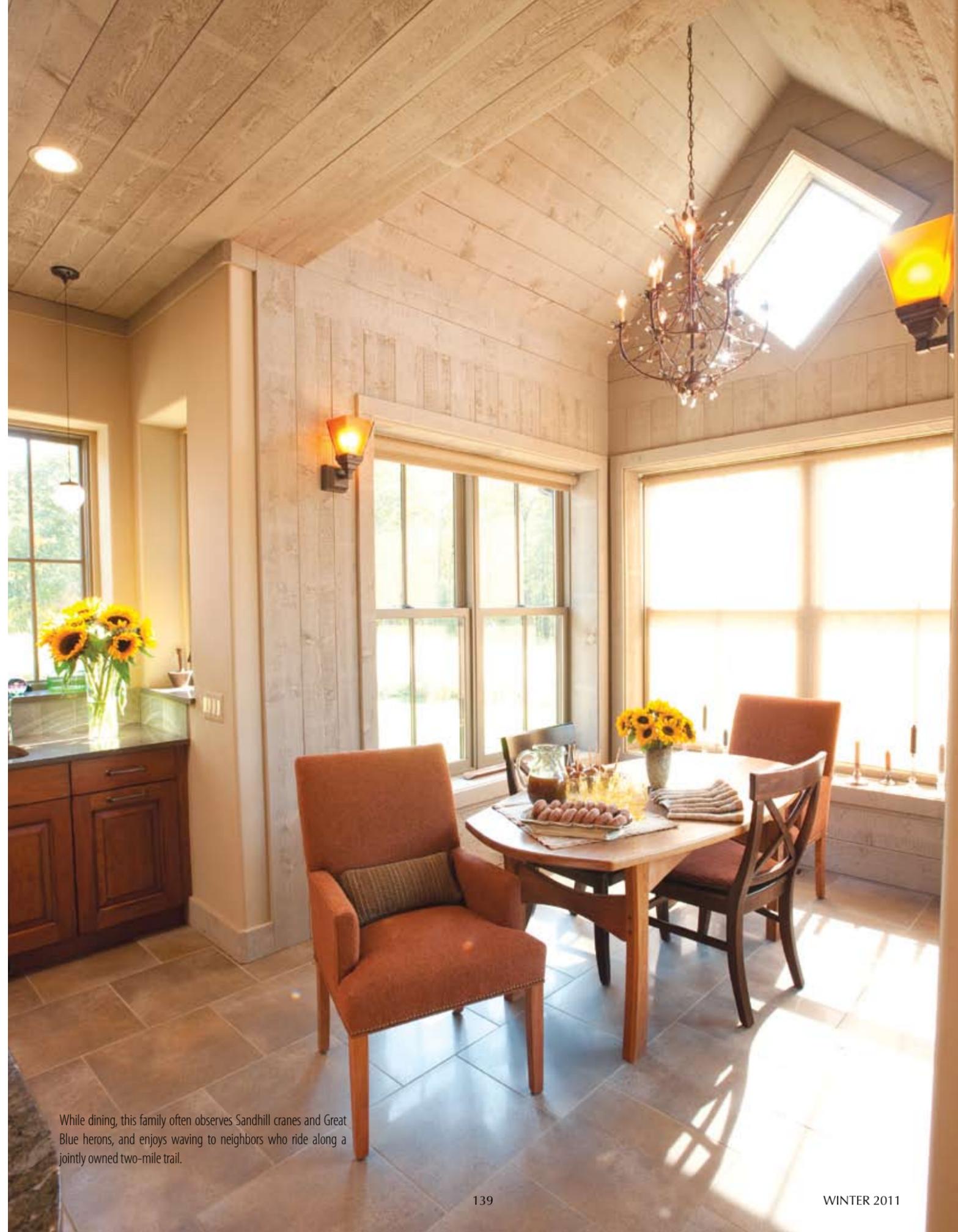
**LEFT:** Trees are glowing at the height of autumn along the back roads of Webster Township.

**TOP RIGHT:** The low prairie LEED Silver certified home with minimalist landscaping fits seamlessly into its natural surroundings.

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**ABOVE:** Woodmode cherry cabinetry, heated porcelain tile floors, granite island, engineered quartz and expert design achieve lustrous style in the contemporary kitchen.

**BELOW:** Sustainable bamboo flooring in the modest entry way combines warmth and continuous flow throughout the home.



While dining, this family often observes Sandhill cranes and Great Blue herons, and enjoys waving to neighbors who ride along a jointly owned two-mile trail.