

A WORLD TRAVELER *Creates* Ideal Living Conditions

Customized and Accessorized to the Max

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Jim McDonald was very discerning in his selection of a new residence when relocating to Ada. He had previously lived in nine states and Europe, owning and building 12 homes. Jim's list of criteria was lengthy and decisive. He had an eye for quality and an appreciation for finer things in life, nothing less would be acceptable.

A Craftsman-style home tucked in wooded, hilly topography immediately grabbed his attention. It was designed by Cutting Edge Builders Inc. It highlighted a main floor master suite and open floor plan along with a formal dining room. The formal dining area, unique in current home design, is a flex space doubling as an office, if desired.

Because Cutting Edge has mastered the art of design and craftsmanship, the list of architectural features is extensive. The pantry is hidden behind a row of cabinetry, where back-lit crown adds ambiance and unique toe-kick lighting serves as a night light. Beams and the squares of coffered ceilings reflect a study in clean lines.

A sunroom strategically placed adjacent to the outdoor living area has a two sided fireplace making it enjoyable early spring through late fall. Enjoyment of this space is completed with speakers and ceiling fan.

The basement needed finishing and in spite of the main floor splendor, Jim set the bar for completing the lower level even higher. "I wanted the basement twice as nice as the



main floor," explains Jim. "To do this, I was prepared to double the allowances of the main floor if necessary."

The basement was slated to be his perfect man cave, a place to entertain, relax, enjoy and display his collections. Game and media rooms are immediate enticements with their large and small screens for viewing a favorite game. However, it appears more like a museum when perusing the Tigers World Series paraphernalia. Don't get distracted by the University of Alabama, New York Jets' and Celtic photos. Three surround sound systems and two wine coolers add the necessities to appease the senses.

When you step outside the man cave, a hot tub with changing room offers another form of relaxation. To complete Jim's quest for the ideal, an exterior facade abundant with texture and color abounds. Landscaping is an opportunity for Jim to exercise his green thumb.

This home is the end product of a man who knows what he wants and a builder who could meet and exceed his expectations.



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LEFT: This Parade Home, with its exterior detailing and awesome garage was an instant attraction for the homeowner.

INSET RIGHT: Hilly topography adds unusual charm to this home site.

ABOVE: The kitchen combines sleek stainless with warmth and charm.

BELOW RIGHT: This coffered ceiling is an example of one of the many superior details found throughout the home.



Luxury living is an artful mix of tradition and glamour.

ABOVE: A towering ceiling and ample lighting enhance this comfortable living space.

MIDDLE: The built-in bench in the master bedroom is a favorite spot.

BELOW: Granite and tile abound in this masterful master bath.



Cutting Edge Builders

OWNER:

Douglas Kleinheksel, Nate Norris, Tom Norris

YEAR BUSINESS STARTED:

2005

EDUCATION:

Formal education including Hope College, Western Michigan University, Taylor University and Lane College coupled with extensive field experience in both remodeling and new construction. We have also obtained the certified graduate builder (CGB), certified graduate remodeler (CGR), certified green professional (CGP), and certified aging in place specialist (CAPS) designations through the National Association of Home Builders.

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We deliver new construction and remodeling services at competitive prices, while maintaining a high level of traditional craftsmanship and employing an innovative approach incorporating the latest materials and construction techniques.

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TOP: Sophisticated and timeless, shades of white never go out of style.

MIDDLE: A billiard area is one of the many areas of the man cave.

BOTTOM: An outdoor living space, with double sided fireplace, is enjoyed spring through fall.

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