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MATT JACOBS (R) and his family, Joyce and Aiden, operate Thomas Cabinetry in Santiago Twp. See the story on page 10. (Patriot Photo by Mark Kolbinger)

THE PHOTO ABOVE is a new remodel of a kitchen by Landson Construction. See the story on Landson on page 6. (Submitted Photo)

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Home guide an asset for spring projects

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Before heading to Home Depot or Menard's, be advised this Spring Home Guide is packed full of ideas, inspiration and contact information for just about any home project you have on your horizon.

Inside this special guide, you will find not only stories of area businesses who can help bring your vision to fruition, but we also have a plethora of advertisers that can be utilized to get that project done professionally and economically.

From garden tips to deck ideas to landscaping to window installs, this guide is a perfect go-to publication that can be accessed throughout the season or throughout the year. If you need your project financed, check these pages for bankers and lenders looking to make the prospect of starting and finishing your spring project an easy prospect.

Sprucing up your square footage for the spring season ahead should be a source of joy, not stress. While it can be tempting to do a complete overhaul, incorporating even just a few fresh changes is a great place to start. And there's

no better way to dive in your large or small project than by getting expert advice and inspiration from some of the best in the biz.

This guide has it.

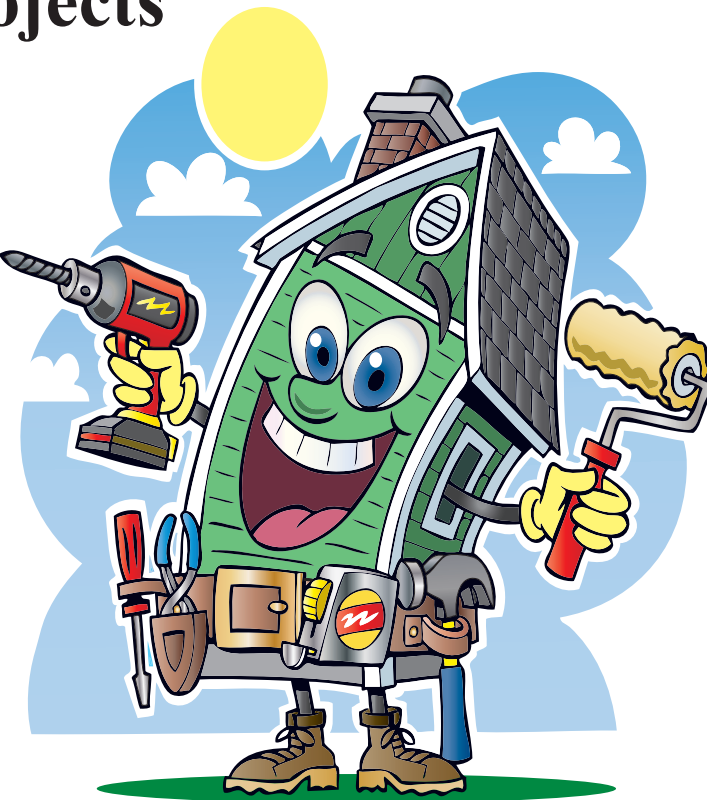
Pull open your home's curtains and shake off the dust, because the first bright rays of the coming spring are showing up in a big way this next month. And the advent of warmer weather and longer days might just be the inspiration you need to revamp your interior decor.

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Landson Construction stands on core values

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Building homes for a lifetime of love is the motto for Landson Construction a business first established in November of 2021 when the two owners merged to become one.

Ariel Erickson, a third generation builder, and his team were operating as independent contractors in different states when they finally decided to join forces and start their own company. Currently they are operating out of an office in Elk River and

are a general contracting company “using the best subcontractors available that have been picked after many years of service,” said Erickson.

“What sets us apart is that we are people who keep our word always,” Erickson said. If we say we are going to do something, we will do it when we say we are going to do it.”

Erickson said he and his business partner love creating, love building and they

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THIS RENOVATED KITCHEN by Landson Construction includes new countertops, new cupboards, new appliances and a new floor. (Submitted Photo).





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love making people happy.

“It is what gives us satisfaction,” he says. “I wake up everyday thinking how lucky I am to have this ability to create new things and make people happy.”

Erickson and his business partner have a combined 27 years of experience in the industry and they pride themselves in delivering superior customer service and complete client satisfaction. Erickson says they are proud of the fact that 90% of their projects are from repeat clients and referrals.

With spring right around the corner, many homeowners are starting to prepare to make home improvements to their homes. Erickson warns those interested in kicking off their projects early — materials and products have been hard to come by.

“Building materials are at a higher point than usual right now and availability is also an issue,” Erickson said. “If a homeowner wants to have work done in the



A RENOVATED BATHROOM by Landson Construction includes a corner glass shower enclosure, a freestanding bath tub, a double sink counter and matching fixtures. (Submitted Photo).

summer time they must start the process now as scheduling for labor and materials must be made way more in advance to guarantee that the project can actually be performed during summer. “If the homeowner starts the process of scheduling a contractor and ordering materials in the summer, that project is likely to start during the

winter or the summer of 2023.”

Erickson says his company is all about the people.

“We pride ourselves with our work ethic, relationships and our collaborative atmosphere which all work together to provide solutions to your project needs,” he says. “We bring together the best professionals, resources and intentions to

ensure that you accomplish your building objectives on time, on budget and results that exceed expectations.”

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Erickson says through he and his partner’s extensive knowledge and experience in building, the company understands the critical nature of working in occupied spaces and taking great care to minimize the impact of all aspects of the construction process.

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Core Values

Landson Construction has five cornerstone values they base their entire business on. Those values are Integrity, Customer Service, Quality, Financial Stewardship and

Community.

• Integrity

We conduct all of our business dealings with the utmost honesty, transparency, respect, and fairness. This includes our interactions with our clients, our vendors and each other;

• Customer Service

We are guided by a set of core Landson Construction customer service principles that are vital to building strong client relationships and customer satisfaction. These principles are a building block to a continuous path of improvement;

• Quality

Our reputation for performing quality work, both in the field and office, is paramount. We take pride in our work and always challenge ourselves to produce high quality results;

• Financial Stewardship

We practice fiscal responsibility for our clients, our vendors, and ourselves. We respect budgets, spending, and cash flow and always seek cost efficient solutions;

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• **Community**

We value a positive work environment, emphasizing an open, collaborative, hardworking, and philanthropic, but also fun atmosphere.

Standards

Erickson adds that Landson Construction provides free consultations with free design ideas and the best way to reach them is by calling, 612-876-2679.

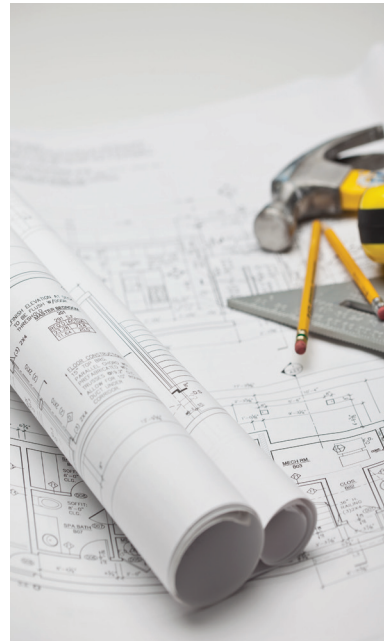
“Simply put, we answer the phone,” he says. “We return calls. We value open communication, and solving problems through strong collaboration.”

If one is looking for a home improvement company that is reliable, communicates well and takes good care of their customers — Landson Construction is worth the call.

“Contact us,” says Erickson. “We understand the importance of a job well done.”

Landson’s website is: www.landsonconstructionusa.com and their office is located in Elk River.

Their office is open every day of the week (except weekends) from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.



THIS OUTDOOR SPACE by Landson Construction includes new walkway and patio, bench seating and a raised firepit. (Submitted Photo).

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By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

Looking for a trusted professional to do a custom cabinet or woodworking project for your home or business?

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Are you most comfortable dealing with the same person from the design phase all the way through installation?

Then look no further than the Jacobs family - Matt, Joyce and their son Aiden - who established Thomas Cabinetry, Inc., located in Santiago Township. The company is named after Matt's grandfather, Thomas, who played an influential role in Matt's life.

For 25 years, Matt has been designing, building and installing custom cabinetry, and in the process, he worked for several large companies in a variety of leadership roles.

Since 2005, Matt dabbled with running his own side business, taking on projects and finishing projects for different customers.



JOYCE, AIDEN AND MATT JACOBS ARE PICTURED IN THEIR KITCHEN. Matt operates Thomas Cabinetry Inc. from the family homestead in Santiago Township (Photo by Mark Kolbinger).

In the past year, the family decided to establish their own business and Matt made the leap to go into business full-time for himself.

"I've been telling Matt for a long time to go on his own," says Joyce, who does the book work and helps out in the shop as needed.

The process

One of the things that sets his work



ONE OF THE BENEFITS of being the owner of a small business is that Matt and Joyce were able to design and build their own kitchen, pictured here, with a modern and sleek look. (Submitted Photo).

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apart from others is that Matt is involved in every part of the business. From the original vision, to the design phase and construction, Matt is on-site and very hands-on as the owner. He even does the final installation.

"There's not one part of the process that I don't do," Matt says. "Many of our customers like the fact that they just deal with one person and I think it leads to a higher quality job overall."

Because he does it all, there aren't communication issues between different workers like one might see at a larger company. In

addition, Matt knows exactly what the homeowner is looking for and can make suggestions throughout the project.

"I love being involved in the planning phase of the projects," Matt says. "That way I can talk with the client about what's possible and it definitely cuts down on any re-design issues."

The product

Matt notes that the biggest cabinet project he ever bid was in excess of \$100,000,

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while he also enjoys doing smaller projects such as a custom vanity or mantle.

"I enjoy doing all the projects, from complete renovations to the smaller individual pieces," Matt says.

The past two years have brought many changes to how people are approaching their homes and the changes have been noticeable.

Joyce says because people have been spending more time at home, or even working remotely, they have decided to spend more money on making improvements to their residences.

"People are choosing to do more remodeling because of the time they are spending in their homes," Joyce says.

Over the past couple of years, Matt has witnessed a change in trends as more people are going back to wood grains and stains.

"We are seeing a resurgence away from the painted product and back to more woods again - neutral tones are also coming back," Matt says.

"I think people realize there is a benefit to the neutral tones because future improvements or changes are easier to match," Joyce adds.

The clients

Because of the quality of his work, Matt sees many returning customers who call again, this time looking to continue projects they may have started in the past.

"Maybe in the past we did their kitchen and now they call and want us to take on the bathroom or even the basement," Matt says.

Both Matt and Joyce explain that the majority of their business come from word of mouth advertising, where one satisfied customer recommends them to a friend or neighbor. Matt also works with builders and other subcontractors who have been impressed with his work.

"COVID didn't negatively affect our business, it just made us busier," Matt notes. "Sometimes we are still seeing shortages of products . . . things like paint are hard to get at times."

Joyce has also noticed another change since the start of the pandemic.

"I think everyone has just become more patient in general," says Joyce. "People are more understanding that things take time and they are just more flexible overall."

Matt agrees, as he feels that people are just grateful to have a quality job done.

"When can you get this done" is the most common question I get," Matt says. That depends on the size of the job, of course, plus other factors that Jacobs discusses with the customers at the initial meeting.

However, once the final installation is complete, Matt says he sees the joy in the homeowner's eyes and knows that the process was worth the time and effort.

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- An updated porch: Adding a front porch or expanding an existing porch will not only add charming farmhouse-style curb appeal, but extend your outdoor living area as well. Be sure to take as much care decorating your porch as you would any other room of your home. Include comfy furniture, like rocking chairs and a porch swing, complete with cushions. Add potted plants for a touch of vibrant greenery, lantern wall sconces for illumination, and outdoor rugs for coziness. Don't forget the entryway. Make it more inviting with seasonal

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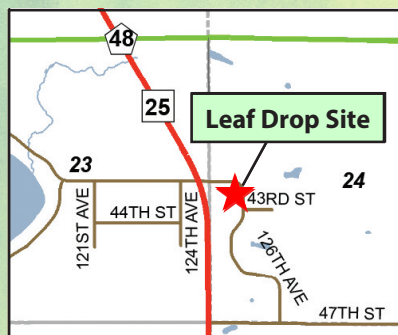
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Michelle Agnew, resident of Santiago Twp., is not only the owner of a small business, the co-owner of a St. Cloud restaurant, a former coach and public speaker, and the mom of a deployed soldier: she's also a, in her words, "Brain Injury Warrior."

Agnew is the owner of a small business called the Tattered Farm Co. She creates works of art from discarded pieces of wood, cloth, metal, and other materials.

Agnew formerly had a career in community engagement, coaching, event planning, and hospitality. However, her career ended when she was in a serious car accident on I-35 in 2019. She suffered from a traumatic brain injury and needed a spinal (neck) prosthetic after she hit her head six or seven times during the accident.

After a year, Agnew was still not cleared to return to the work she loved nor to work at the restaurant she and her husband own together (Searles on Fifth in St. Cloud.) She found that she needed to recreate her own identity.

As a mirror to her own story fighting to navigate a severe brain trauma, she began to create art with the tattered, broken items she found around the community. The art also helped Agnew to quiet her brain and retrain her eyes to work together.

"[I] grew up in an active welding/tool shop," Agnew said. "So creating with my hands was always a go-to."

Missing her career and her teaching, Agnew worked hard on her art to fill the time during the day.

"I needed to love on the unwanted tangibles around me so I could heal the intangible inside me. I could no longer teach off the cuff, strategically plan, parent like I used to, public speak, or even drive a car without immense overwhelm; However, I COULD create and see possibilities of outcome others could not," Agnew said.

One of the larger projects Agnew has taken on was the Foley Sled Shed project. Agnew saw a request on the Foley community social media page for a "sled shed." This is a little box that houses sleds free for the public to use. This encourages kids to



MICHELLE AGNEW is a Becker resident who is focused on healing from a brain injury through art. (Submitted photo.)

go outside and play without worrying about whether they have the equipment to do so. All of the materials for the project were salvaged from around the community.

She and her new internet friend set up the sled shed and brought some hot chocolate to share with the kids who came to check it out. Community members donated new sleds to fill up the box. Agnew created another sled shed for the Becker Lions Club as well and it is now at home at the Becker City Park.

Agnew has received many requests for sled sheds in other communities, which she says she would be happy to take on if the projects are sponsored, as she can't fund them herself at this time. There is a sled shed ordering option on her website at LinkTr.ee/TheTatteredFarmCo.

Agnew continues to work with her community neighbors, either by hauling away some of their unwanted items leftover from clearing out sheds and basements; grabbing extra lumber, bricks, and other materials from renovations; or helping others to preserve memories by giving new life to old jewelry, clothes, tools, and antlers as items the owners can use every day.

Michelle Agnew is on social media as The Tattered Farm Co. Her website is LinkTr.ee/TheTatteredFarmCo, and her Facebook page can be found at www.Facebook.com/thetatteredfarmco. Agnew also often visits local craft fairs and events can be found both at her website and Facebook page.



THESE ASSORTED ART PIECES represent some of the projects Agnew has displayed on her Facebook page. (Submitted photos.)

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THIS SLED SHED at the Becker City Park was created by Agnew in partnership with the Becker Lions Club. (Submitted photo.)

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Spring Cleaning: Is Your ‘Junk’ Worth a Fortune?

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If your family is like most, you have “junk” in your basement, garage or attic, such as sports cards, memorabilia and toys. Before you toss them out during spring cleaning, consider that the prices of sports cards, games and other ephemera are skyrocketing.

How can you determine if your stuff is valuable and, if it is, how can you sell it?

A widely accepted rule for sports cards, memorabilia and toys is that older items are worth more. However, these days even more recent items are also commanding high prices.

“Vintage sports cards from the early periods of a sport are almost always highly collectible, especially of Hall of Famers,” says Al Crisafulli, Auction Director at Love of the Game Auctions, an internet sports and memorabilia auction that helps families sell collectibles. “But don’t assume sports cards or other memorabilia have to be old to be valuable. Modern cards of such stars as Tom Brady, Mike Trout, LeBron James, Michael Jordan, Derek Jeter and others can sell for lots of money.”

He is offering tips to help determine if your belongings are valuable:

Older Sports Cards

Cards from the 1960s and earlier are collectible, and those from before the 1940s can be extremely valuable. Big-name Hall of Famers like Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Lou Gehrig, Honus Wagner, Mickey Mantle and others bring high prices.

With old cards from the 1880s and early 1900s, look for tobacco and candy brands, such as Old Judge, Piedmont, Sweet Caporal or American Caramel. Really old Sports memorabilia from the 19th and early 20th Century, such as photographs, postcards, bats, gloves and balls are also collectible.

When opting to sell sports items, consider a specialty auction, such as Love of the Game, which has the expertise to professionally research sports items and maintains lists of bidders specializing in this area, to get top dollar. More information is available at loveofthegameauctions.com.

Modern Cards

Prices on recent baseball, basketball and football cards have risen rapidly. The three keys are condition, star power and cards from early in player careers.

Do you have major current stars, like Mike Trout, Patrick Mahomes, Tom Brady and LeBron James? Or do you have greats from the recent past, like Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, Magic Johnson, Derek Jeter or Joe Montana?

Check if your cards are denoted as Rookie, Prospect, Draft Pick or other indicators they’re from a player’s first season. And condition is king, as cards that look pack fresh with sharp corners and a well-centered image command highest prices. Additionally, unopened packs and boxes from almost any year can be valuable.

Memorabilia

Do you have old advertising posters depicting sports stars or



famous entertainment personalities together with food, tobacco or sporting goods brands. Many original signs, store displays and promotional items are collectible, especially those dating from the early 1900s into the 1960s. But low-quality reproductions aren’t. Look for memorabilia spotlighting sports heroes, superheroes, early Walt Disney characters and Star Wars subjects.

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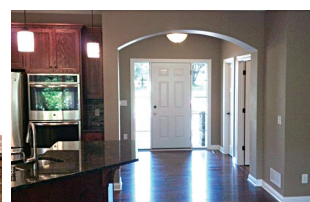
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Community is key at Cornerstone Concrete and Restoration, Inc.

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

Concrete is their business, but being a part of the greater Becker community is the most important concept in Cody and

of “flat” work (such as patios, pool decks, sidewalks and driveways), they also can help homeowners with concrete foundations.

“If it’s new construction, we can help the homeowner from the ground up,” says Cody, who made the jump to have his own



POOL DECKS are just one of the projects that Cody and his team can accomplish. (Submitted Photo).

Amanda Martell’s successful business plan. Together, they own and operate Cornerstone Concrete and Restoration, Inc. and if you were to drive around the area, you would see many examples of their commitment to the community.

The Becker Community Center’s splash pad and basketball/pickle ball outside courts were installed by their company. Cody and Amanda are also supporters of many local community organizations, including the Becker Bass Team, as well as the wrestling, football and archery programs.

“Keeping it local” could be the company’s motto, as even their employees are from the area.

In terms of the business itself, if it involves concrete, they probably can install or repair it. While Cody says they do all sorts

company four years ago after many years of experience in the concrete business. “When it comes to the outside work, there are literally hundreds of textures, colors and patterns that we can do to meet the owner’s design ideas.”

Stamped concrete is one of the current trends in the industry, where people can have a patio poured that is the same color and texture as wood, but it is nearly maintenance free and will just need to be re-sealed every few years.

“We will work with the homeowner to see what they want and then we can give them advice for the most durable product at the most cost effective price,” Cody adds. “If people are looking for something other than the standard concrete color, we can help


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MARTELL FAMILY. Pictured are Cody and Amanda Martell and their children. Their concrete business is locally operated and supports many local activities, such as the Bass Team, wrestling, football and archery programs. (Submitted Photo).

them and make sure it ties in with the rest of the house."

Amanda says that another trend she has watched lately is the use of colored borders to accent landscaping around one's home.

"We have a look book where people can check out our past projects and get ideas for what they want to do," Amanda says. "Many people are adding front stoops to their houses, where it looks like a wooden plank deck but is actually made of concrete."

Another focus for the business is the restoration work, where the company uses a special power washer and scrubber technology to bring old concrete back to life.

"It's like a face lift for the concrete," Amanda says. "Sometimes that is all the homeowner needs instead of having to tear out the old product and re-pour new concrete. And we always offer free estimates."

One such project Cody recently completed was for a major outdoor retailer in the Brainerd area called the Power Lodge.

"We completely restored the showroom area and re-sealed it," Cody says. "The difference was amazing and it looked brand new again."

When it comes to pools, Cody also has the experience to finish off the backyard to make it an awesome summertime destination for the family or entertaining friends.

Since installing the concrete at Becker's splash pad, he has also worked with the pool plumbing contractor on splash pads across the state - from last fall in Lake City to this summer in Rogers.

"That contractor saw the work we did in Becker and asked us to partner with them on all of their splash pad projects," Cody says.

And it doesn't stop there, as there's fire pits, parking pads, and the list goes on and on.

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"A lot of our business comes from here in the community and our referrals are through word of mouth from friends and neighbors," Amanda says. "We try to support the community as much as is supports us."

That's why community is the key for Cornerstone Concrete and Restoration, Inc.

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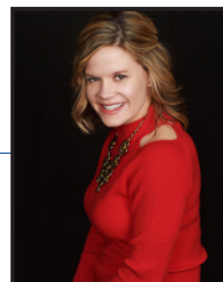
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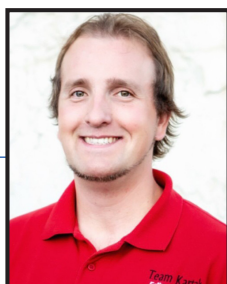
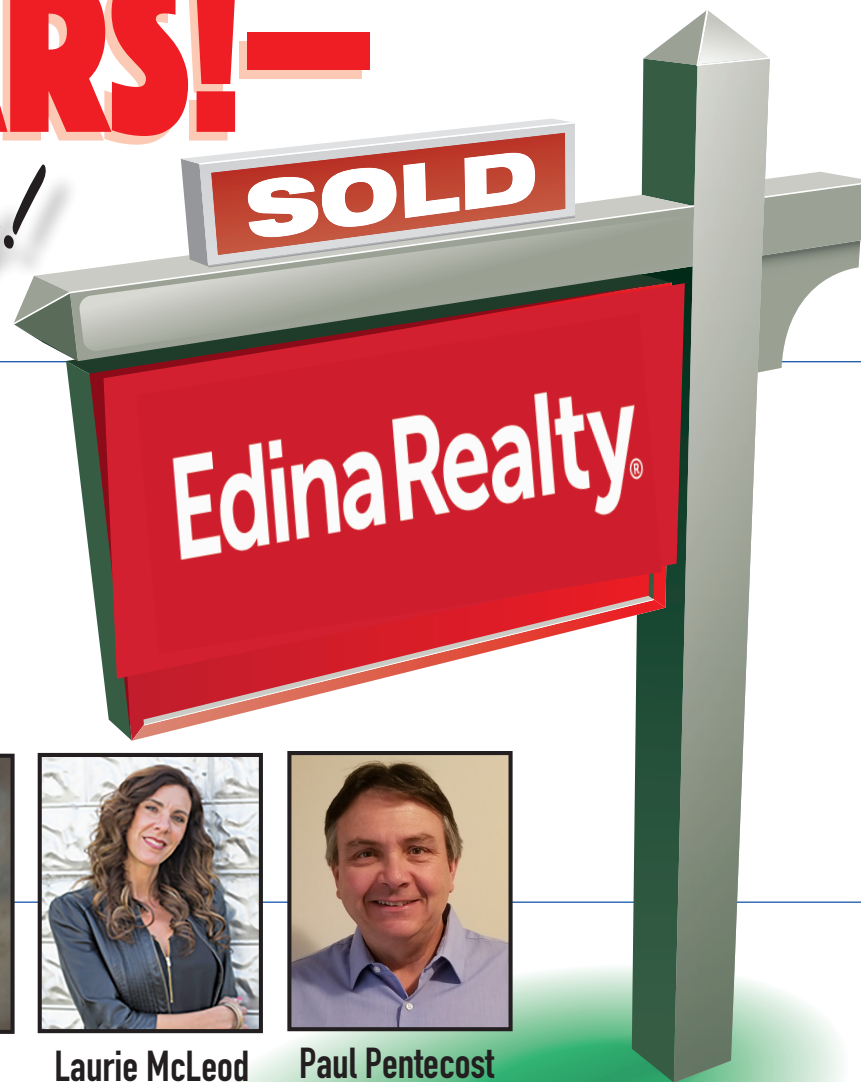
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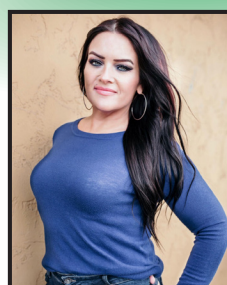
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However, in an ever-changing consumer landscape where new products are introduced to the market all the time, reading countless product reviews can be exhausting. For an easy guide with reliable insights, check out Product of the Year USA, the largest consumer-voted award for product innovation.

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Boating company docks in Big Lake

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Premier Marine, manufacturer of premium performance luxury pontoons and a subsidiary of Envision Company of Elk River, has officially broken ground on a new 85-acre professional boat building and design campus located in Big Lake. The new 150,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art manufacturing facility and accompanying 30,000 sq. ft. fiberglass and tooling operation will be the future home of Premier Marine.

The 180,000 square foot pon-



toon manufacturing complex in Big Lake, to open Summer of 2022

Envision Company acquired Premier Marine in the spring of 2021 and has since invested considerable



CONSTRUCTION began late fall and is continuing on through the winter months right along Hwy. 10 by the Industrial Park. The building is expected to be operational by this summer. (Submitted Photo).

capital in the company with the new manufacturing headquarters being the most significant to date. The new building will replace current headquarters in Wyoming, MN, and is scheduled to be operational by summer 2022. It will be capable of manufacturing more than 5,000 boats annually.

"We're very excited about our future here in Big Lake," said Chris Carlson, Envision Company owner. "The city has been exceptional to work with, and the community offers a strong workforce for future growth. Once we are fully operational, we anticipate having more than 400 employees."

Lampert Architects designed the new facility and RJ Ryan is building it. When completed it will be one of the only purpose-built pontoon manufacturing facilities in North America.

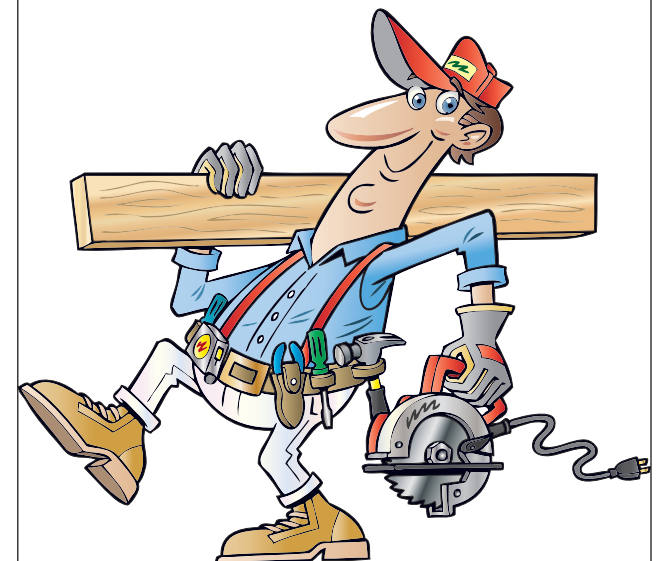
Matt Homan

In January, Premier Marine announced Matt Homan as the company's new Chief Executive Officer and equity partner. Homan brings extensive leadership, team building and dealer network skills to Premier Marine. Current interim president, Ron Inman, will guide Homan's transition and will continue to oversee key divisions at Premier while also serving as Vice President of Business Development for Envision Company.

Homan most recently served as President and CEO

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of Liberty Diversified International, and prior to that, helped to build Polaris Industries into a global powersport leader. During his 16-year tenure at Polaris, Homan held several significant leadership positions including President of Off-Road Vehicles and President of Global Adjacent Markets.

“Matt is a highly respected leader and his experience, character and drive align perfectly with the culture we’re building here at Premier Marine,” said Premier owner, Chris Carlson. “I’ve worked with Matt in the past and have always admired his strong market and product understanding, coupled with his amazing leadership instincts and a history of building high-performance teams.”

“This is a tremendous opportunity,” said Homan. “Premier represents one of the most respected luxury pontoon manufacturers in the market and the brand’s growth potential is limitless. The culture and core values at Premier align with my approach to business, and I’m excited to help accelerate the momentum that they’ve established.”

“I knew right away I wanted to join this team,” Homan continued.



MATT HOMAN was recently named the new CEO of Premier Marine, a company which is moving to the Big Lake industrial park. (Submitted photo.)

“Chris has a track record of success, and I believe the alignment of a corporate executive and an entrepreneur with the vision that Chris has is a powerful one.”

As president of Polaris Off-Road Vehicles, Homan worked with the team to build a strategy and execute a plan that quickly led to rapid improvements across the business. Homan will utilize those skills as he builds a world-class team that will eventually occupy

a new 150,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art manufacturing facility and accompanying 30,000 sq. ft. fiberglass and tooling operation in Big Lake, MN. The company has already gained incredible momentum since the 2021 acquisition with over 130 new hires, including 13 key leadership positions, including Homan.

Homan began his career at General Mills with various marketing roles after receiving his bachelor’s degree in Marketing and an MBA from the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management. Homan and his wife, Janna of 27-years have three daughters. They love to travel and can be found in the mountains of Utah skiing in the winter months.

Premier is currently hiring for all positions. Employees can start immediately at the existing Wyoming location and then transition to Big Lake.

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Landscaping Tips for Instant Curb Appeal

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One of the best ways to achieve instant curb appeal, according to the experts, is to effectively layer shrubs, plants and flowers in your front yard. Doing so can create a cohesive visual experience that naturally guides visitors to the front door.

Landscape designer Doug Scott describes plant layering in art terms: “Just like in a painting, you need to have a background, a middle ground and a foreground. Each layer serves a purpose, and there’s no more important place for them to be on full display than your home’s entrance.”

To help homeowners understand the purpose of plant layering and identify the best types of plants for each layer, Scott has joined forces with Exmark, a leading manufacturer of commercial mowers and equipment for landscape professionals and serious DIY-ers. Here they break it down for you:

1. Background: The background layer should consist of taller evergreen shrubs to ensure that no matter what’s in front of them, you and your visitors will



always have something green to look at. This layer provides a cohesive backdrop and a bit of living color in every season.

2. Middle Ground: Here’s where to step it down a notch in height and add interesting shapes, colors or stripes that provide contrast against the darker green of the background layer. Herbaceous perennials, like lavender, are a good choice for this purpose.

3. Foreground: Finally, the fore-

ground layer should help transition the planting beds to your lawn space or sidewalk, and should therefore be lower than the back two layers. It’s also where you can keep things fresh and get your hands dirty throughout the year by changing out annuals with the seasons. Or, if you want a lower-maintenance entrance, you can choose smaller perennials, evergreens or creeping ground covers. Use the foreground layer as

an opportunity to add pops of color at ground level and draw attention to your home’s entrance.

Scott lays out a few other important tips to keep in mind:

- Choose plants consistent with your home’s style. For instance, if you have a craftsman home, you should probably skip tropical plants. Or, if your home is more minimalist, avoid an overabundance of different plants.

- Don’t obstruct views of your front door from the street with plants. Likewise, visitors shouldn’t have to maneuver around plants as they make their way down the sidewalk. Neither is convenient or welcoming, so you’ll either need to keep pruning plants to size, or choose plants that won’t overgrow their space without a ton of pruning.

- To make your entrance “the star” it should be, the plant material in the rest of your front yard shouldn’t be distracting. Rather let it frame the intended view.

Scott offers more plant layering tips in “Making an Entrance,” a recent ep-

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Seller's market still in full swing even as interest rates rise

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The insanity of the last couple of years has had a dramatic impact on the local (and national) housing market. Several local realtors were kind enough to weigh in on the current market trends and give their predictions on where the market is heading (Note: all predictions are based on the opinion of the speakers and should not be taken as fact.) Home values, as many taxpayers are very consciously aware, have risen significantly in the hot seller's market. Incredibly low interest rates encouraged many families to get into a new home while they could get a good deal on a mortgage. This led to a seller's market where bids consistently came in higher than asking price: with the low interest rates, buyers could still save money on interest payments, even if they ended up spending a little more on the price of the home.

However, rates have increased slightly over the last several months. Matt and Lindsay Marquette of Luke Realty noted that the 2.85% rate increase since November has impacted the buying power of those looking for a new home by around 10%. Even though

this is still a great rate, people will be unable to purchase the same amount of home as they would otherwise.

Kyle Haller of Haller Realty noted that interest rates are still at historically low levels, below four percent, and inventory is still low. This means that the market will not be transitioning to a buyer's market anytime soon.

Kathy Nelson of National Realty Guild agreed that this winter continued to be busier than average.

Several of the realtors stated that changing interest rates do not indicate a housing crash is coming.

The ladies of the Heitz/Gardner Group (see interview with these realtors on page 34) assured that there are rules that were put in place after the crash in 2008 which prevent interest rates from rising too quickly, so there won't be another crash like that of 14 years ago again.

However, it is likely that the market will correct itself. With interest rates on the rise, the market should settle to more normal levels. The Heitz/Gardner realtors went on to note that, while house prices have risen dramatically over the last couple of years, it followed a long period of time where home prices did not rise much. Therefore, the

market is "catching up," in a way, to where it might have been had prices risen more steadily.

Prices will likely level off in the near future, because, if they didn't, the market would grind to a halt as buyers were priced out.

Other Factors

Driving the Market

The seller's market has spurred construction in the local communities. Of the 16 homes listed (without offers) during early March, Haller noted that several were new construction, whereas a full half of the homes available in the Big Lake market were new

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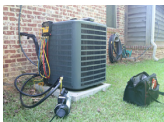


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builds. According to the Marquettes, the local communities are seeing a 16-year high in new construction, which is paradoxical with the premium seen in housing materials. Plywood alone has multiplied from its average price several years ago.

But so long as there is demand in the market, new construction will still be a worthwhile investment, especially as the communities grow and need more housing to accommodate the community.

There is also a demand in the market: single-story population. The Mar-tirees are looking for homes that are easier Many of these in-to purchase homes way, although they main level of the

There also re-from the cities communities such as Sher-increasing the demand

Rising Cost of Living

With gas prices on the rise,

He maintained that higher utility bills, grocery prices, and rise of miscellaneous items will mean less money for families to spend on a home. That makes quite a difference when considering what one can afford in monthly payments on a home. The long term impact of these rising prices are a mystery at the moment, but there is no doubt that they will have an impact on the market if the cost of living continues to rise.



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Haller was concerned about the impact the rising cost of living would have on the housing market.



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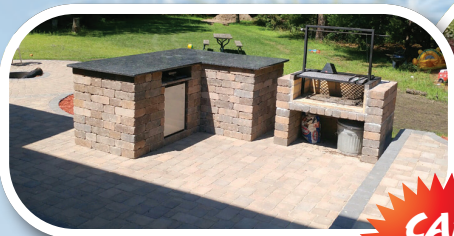
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Construction Highlight: T.J. Potter

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T.J. Potter Trucking is planning another expansion project at their home base in Becker. The project will add another 10 acres and 100,000 square feet of warehouse area.

T.J. Potter completed an expansion in October 2020, which added 10 acres and 60,000 square feet of space, which owners Todd and Barb Potter hoped would last through a few years' worth of growth. However, by the time July came around the storage space was once again running out as T.J. Potter transports and warehouses for a variety of domestic and foreign customers.

The majority of what they warehouse and transport is very large, out of gauge product, meaning large lifts and multi axle equipment are needed to handle and transport the product.

With the next expansion T J Potter / BWRI will be able to offer 220,000+ sq ft of indoor storage, which is excellent news for the growing business and its customers.

"We really never planned on such growth but



A T.J. POTTER TRUCK being loaded at their home base in Becker. (Submitted photo.)

when and opportunity presents we will usually take a swing at it," said Todd Potter.

With constant expansion and international clients, T.J. Potter makes a conscious effort to bring the focus back home, too. The company owners enjoying giving back to the community, especially to kids' groups. Most of the drivers the company, and

its sibling company, Perkins Specialized Transportation Contracting employ, live locally, within 100 miles of Becker. And T.J. Potter works with several local companies as well, including some neighbors from the Becker industrial park.

Structural Buildings, another Becker-ingrained business, will be doing the expansion work.



T.J. POTTER OWNERS TODD AND BARB POTTER stand in front of their warehouse, which is set for an expansion later this spring. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



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Heitz/Gardner group geared to serve area homebuyers and sellers

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The Heitz/Gardner Group is a Branch of Edina Realty whose office is located in Big Lake. Four local women work in the group as realtors: Shirlee Heitz, Angie Minerich-Gardner, Jennifer Baysinger, and Stacey Stanley. The group focuses on Sherburne County and the Big Lake area in particular, but often find themselves working all over Minnesota, as far away as Brainerd Lakes. Baysinger is also certified to help veterans all over the country find homes by working with realtors around the nation.

History of the Group

Heitz and Gardner have been in partnership since 2003, giving the group its name.

Gardner had been serving in real estate when she decided to enter the corporate world. She worked for Hilton Hotels for a couple of years before she found that she missed working with the people of her community, so she decided to get back into reality.

When she let her friend, Heitz, know she was coming back, Heitz welcomed her into a

partnership, as she was looking to take a slight step back to reconnect with family.

Since then, the two have accepted two more excellent people into their group.

Stanley was the next to join. She had been serving in the mortgage business and maintaining her real estate license, though she was not actively selling houses.

In 2016, she got back into selling, but focused on the metro area. The commute proved to be a little longer than she hoped for, and she, too, hoped to connect more with her home community, which eventually led her to joining Heitz and Gardner in their venture.

Finally, the group welcomed Baysinger. Baysinger was a former client of Gardner's. She and her husband moved to the Big Lake area after he retired from his 24 years of service with the Air Force. Following a desire to serve the neighbors of her community, Baysinger joined the group last

July and recently won the "Rookie of the Year" designation for the area for Edina Realty. Her "go get 'em" motto is, "Big Lake is gonna like me, whether they like it or not!" She prides herself on being involved with the Chamber of Commerce, Spud Fest, and other local groups.

Serving Their Customers

The ladies have a motto they like to follow in their office: "We are not transactional agents." Instead, they prefer to focus on building relationships with their customers, as Baysinger can attest to, having made the leap from client to partner. The four pride themselves on helping out their customers even after the transaction is over and done. For example, former customers will sometimes call with a question about their septic system, or other issue regarding their property, and the Heitz/Gardner Group does whatever they can to put their former clients in touch with city or county resources to help resolve the issue.

The ladies define themselves as "mama bears," being gung-ho to negotiate relentlessly for the house their clients want, or even to have hard conversations with people who didn't end up getting what they hoped to. They really believe in selling a service, not selling homes.

Current Market

The current market has led to some interesting situations.

Sadly, there are a number of clients trying to sell parents' homes after a death or relocation to a nursing home.

The hot market makes it difficult to get a customer's bid to the top, and Gardner says, "It feels

like winning the Olympics," when a bid is accepted, especially when it comes down to items as technical as closing a few days sooner for a bid to be accepted over a dozen others.

It also makes it hard when the ladies are selling a property, for, while they get the best possible price for the home, they know they have to call many different couples and let them know they didn't get the house they wanted.

In light of the situation, the group has found it even more important to form strong ties not only with their customers, but with the other agents in the area. While it's true the group is in competition with other local agents, it's also true that the best way to serve the clients of the area is to work closely with other agents, so everyone can find their dream home.

The group encourages anyone considering selling their home to do so, as they can get top dollar for the sale right now.

Contact information for the group can be found at www.EdinaRealty.com/heitz-gardner-group. Their office is located at 690 Humbolt Dr., Big Lake.



THE HEITZ/GARDNER GROUP posed in their office with their award for their "Highest Gross Close Income" award for 2021. Pictured left to right are Angie Minerich-Gardner, Shirlee Heitz, Stacey Stanley, and Jennifer Baysinger. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

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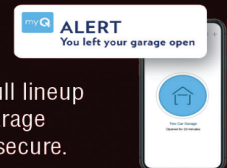
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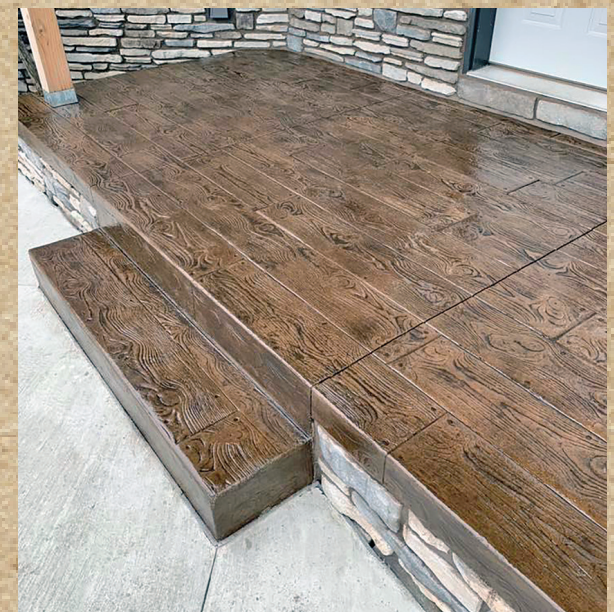
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With warmer weather on the way, it's time to deal with the associated household hassles of the season. Here are three hacks that will help you create a healthy, comfortable home during the months ahead:

Beat the Heat

Beyond having your HVAC unit serviced and changing your air filter regularly, you can beat the heat at home with a few smart strategies. One change you can make today that will also reduce your carbon footprint is to swap out your heat-emitting incandescent light bulbs for cool LEDs. Likewise, appliances that are not in use but plugged in could be generating unnecessary warmth, so unplug when you can. Finally, use shades and blinds strategically to block out the sun and prevent a greenhouse effect indoors.

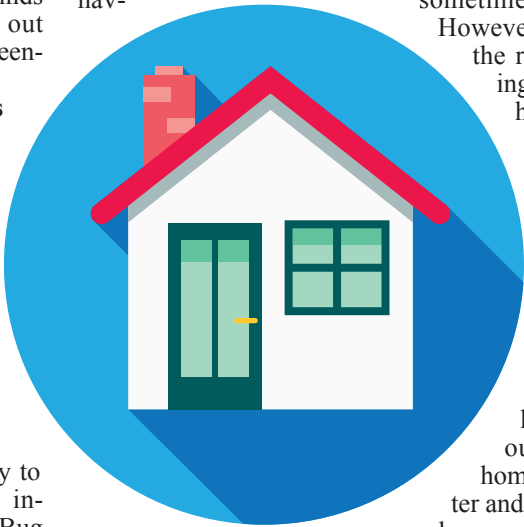
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However, you can reduce the risk of mold forming by managing your home's humidity. Use fans and other ventilation in bathrooms and the kitchen when showering, running the dishwasher and doing other tasks that invite humidity. Test the humidity of various rooms in your home with a hygrometer and use a dehumidifier where needed. According to the EPA, the ideal indoor humidity is between 30 and 50%.

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3 Affordable Kitchen Upgrades to Consider

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Is remodeling your kitchen on your wish list? Afraid of how much it'll set you back?

HomeAdvisor puts the average kitchen remodel price in the \$12,567 to \$34,962 range. However, you can buck the trend of costly, complicated updates. Consider these three renovations, all of which will improve the look and functionality of your kitchen, without costing you thousands of dollars:

Refresh Fabrics

Reupholstering just one chair means shelling out \$150 to \$600, according to HomeGuide. If that's beyond what you're willing to pay, but you're not ready to replace a beloved set of kitchen chairs, you

can update their look on a budget and in just a few minutes with stretchable seat covers. A good choice for families with kids or pets, these covers are typically machine-washable and can be swapped out as often as you like to suit your mood. From geometric designs to citrus vibes to florals, they're offered in a range of patterns that will look great with any style.



New Granite Surfaces

Countertops are the most common feature upgraded during kitchen renovations, according to a 2022 Houzz study, which found that nine in 10 remodelers performed this update. The same survey found that 35% of homeowners are splurging to make it happen. If you've looked into granite countertops, you probably learned that it can cost thousands of dollars and take months to have them custom-made and installed.

Adding this touch of luxury to your kitchen doesn't have to bust your budget, involve contractors or mean supply chain hassles. It can actually be an easy, one-weekend DIY project. Using a LuxROCK Solid Surface Granite Countertop Kit from Daich Coatings, you can transform your countertops and island surfaces at just a fraction of the price of a professional granite countertop installation. For about \$300, a kit covers 40 square feet of space. This functional and decorative blend of real stone with stunning mineral highlights

can be used to give a smooth appearance to countertops, tables or any other surface. And because the authentic stone surface resists stains, heat and impact and is food safe, it's a great solution for the kitchen.

Each kit includes a prime coat, stone coats, clear epoxy and a clear coat finish, as well as all the tools needed. This revolutionary and exceptionally easy resurfacing project doesn't require any artistic skills to be a success. Nor does it require technical skills, as sinks, plumbing fixtures and existing countertops don't need to be removed before application.

If you're someone who likes the flexibility of changing things up every few years, it's simple to update granite surface colors using another LuxROCK kit when you're ready. Both this U.S. patent-pending kit and the brand's textured countertop kits are available online at The Home Depot and Lowe's.

Optimize Your Pantry

Pantries are often tucked away, but you can still give them an eye-catching makeover. For fresh pops of color, paint the pan-

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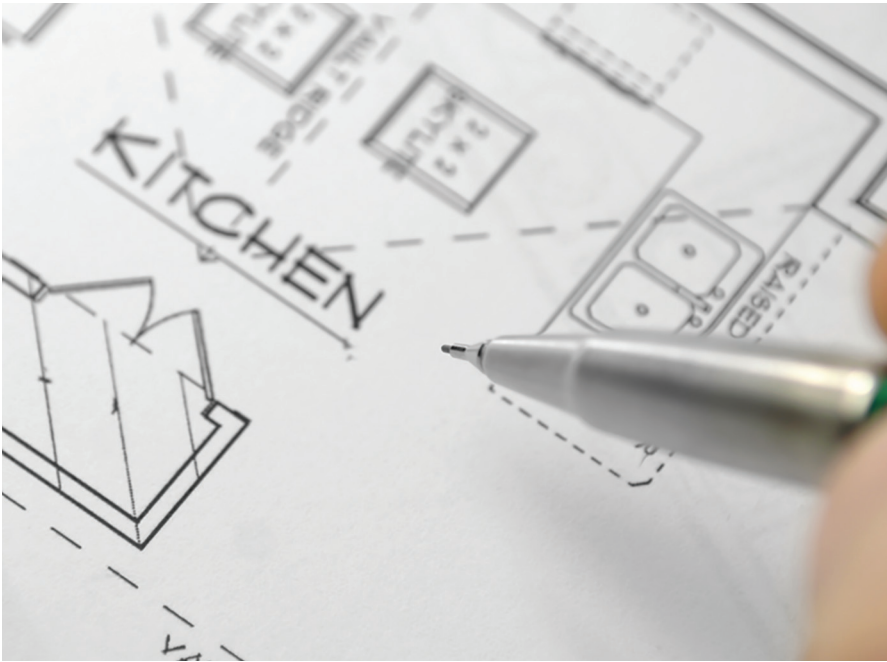
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try door and wallpaper the interior. Group items by height, then use customizable shelving to stretch storage real estate. You may also wish to transfer kitchen staples to uniform containers. This will offer a tidier, more visually appealing look, while helping you make better use of limited space. Whether you opt for mason jars, ceramic canisters, or BPA-free plastic cubes, label containers carefully.

It’s the heart of the home, but that doesn’t mean you need to break the bank to create your dream kitchen. With ingenuity, you can improve its look and functionality at an affordable price point and in just a weekend.





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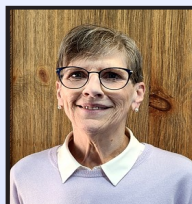
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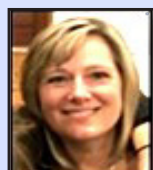


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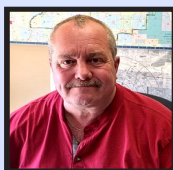


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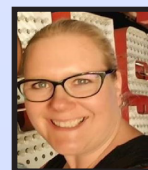


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