

# WHAT'S NEW @ D.R.S.

The Inside Scoop at DeHaan

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## Did You Know?

The VanZoeest bathroom project from our last newsletter was featured in the January 2010 issue of *Remodeling Magazine*.

**Yours could be next!**



## SAVING THE BEST FOR

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### CASE STUDY: The Keeler/Eason Residence

Jim Keeler and Merry Ellen Eason have lived in their 2,200 sq. ft. home in the Stonehedge neighborhood in Portage for 20 years. Built in the 1960s, the home's location was ideal for them. As the years went by they slowly updated the home - room by room. The living room, family room, dining room and master bath have all been transformed. They also added a large screened-in porch off the back. But they had put off the biggest project - the kitchen - until the very end.

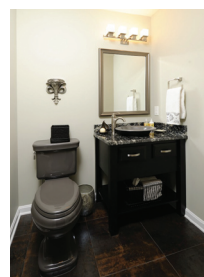
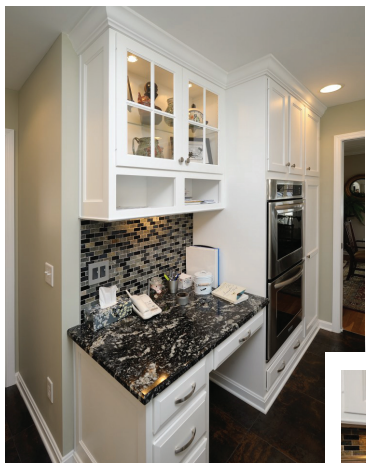
They wanted more space to prepare food but that meant bumping out the back wall of the home. Fortunately they knew just who to call to take on the daunting remodeling task - the same professionals who had been remodeling their home, one room at a time for the past 15 years - Remodeler Bob DeHaan and Cabinet Builder Harold Lindsey. The four spent many Saturday mornings, discussing their wants and needs and planning the new design. After several revisions the group came upon the ultimate plan. It combined the kitchen and breakfast nook, eliminated the existing peninsula, bumped out the back wall 3 ft. and added an 11' x 3' island. The island is truly the heart of the kitchen. A sink, garbage disposal, microwave were included in the design, so the space for food preparation and cooking could be doubled.

The extra ease and convenience was an added benefit to Jim and Merry Ellen. One side of the island has a large cabinet that stores small appliances. The other side houses a beverage refrigerator. Plus, the island comfortably seats four people. A half bath in the kitchen was also updated to match the new design.

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“My mother was 80 years old, but didn't want to leave her lifelong home. We had a Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist make improvements to her home. A new barrier-free bathroom and wider doors have made all the difference for her. The impact on my mother's life was profound. She became more self-sufficient, more confident and happier.”

**AVERAGE NATIONWIDE  
RETURN ON REMODELING INVESTMENT\***

<b>Deck Addition</b>	<b>80.6%</b>
<b>Kitchen Remodel</b>	<b>72.1%</b>
<b>Bath Remodel</b>	<b>71.0%</b>
<b>Family Room Addition</b>	<b>65.3%</b>

*\*Source: REALTOR® Magazine, Jan 2010*



## Choose Wisely

Your home is probably the most significant investment you'll ever make. Maintaining and improving it adds lasting value and enjoyment. A well-planned and well-done remodeling project, small or large, can substantially enhance your home's worth and increase your comfort. But who can you trust to get the job done right? Remodeling is a service, not a commodity. Thus the quality of this service will determine your satisfaction with the finished project.

### Hire a Trusted Professional



The Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) program helps consumers identify remodelers who perform professional, quality work. To earn the CGR designation, a remodeler must meet nationally defined criteria for previous experience, adhere to prescribed business standards and engage in continuing education. If your remodeler has earned the CGR designation, you can be confident that he or she will provide professional caliber work. To maintain the designations, all CGRs must complete a continuing education requirement every three years.

### Make your House a Home for a Lifetime

The majority of Americans over the age of 45 want to continue living in a familiar environment throughout their maturing years. According to the AARP, older homeowners overwhelmingly prefer to age-in-place, which means to live in your home safely, independently and comfortably, regardless of age or ability level.



A Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS) has been trained in:

- The unique needs of the older adult population
- Aging-in-place home modifications
- Solutions to common barriers

Modifications can range from the installation of bath and shower grab bars and adjustment of counter-top heights, to the creation of multifunctional first floor master suites and widening of doorways and hallways. CAPS professionals have been taught the strategies and techniques for designing and building enriching, barrier free living environments.

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