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The Inside Scoop at DeHaan Remodeling Specialists

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Sometimes decisions are easy to make. When Andrea Gonzales and her family found a great lake house last year, they decided to move there from the Rudgate neighborhood in Portage where they'd lived for the past 10 years.

The lake view at the new house was great, but the house had a few things that would need remodeling to meet the family's needs and, says Andrea, "I missed the kitchen."

"The kitchen" in the Rudgate house had been a DeHaan Remodeling Specialists (DRS) project; a large island in the original layout did not work for Andrea, so she had asked DRS for a new plan that would open up the space. In addition to the kitchen, DeHaan Remodeling had installed wood floors throughout the house and had redone the bathroom.

"Andrea loved the work DRS did in Rudgate, so after moving, she said, "It was a given that I went back to DeHaan Remodeling."

In addition to remaking her new kitchen into a near clone of the one she had moved away from, DRS tackled a number of other projects in the Gonzales's new home, including:

- A closet redesign in the master bedroom. Andrea says the layout of her new home was "interesting." The master bedroom included not a closet, but massive, built-in armoires that "took up a lot of space." By building two double closets to replace the armoires, DRS gave Andrea much more usable space.
- A repositioned fireplace in the living room. Originally, the house had a fireplace tucked away in a back corner, which in Andrea's words, "was not a

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a good space for hanging out.” DRS removed that fireplace and built a new one, centered in the living room and ideal for entertaining and enjoying.

Along with the kitchen remodel, these projects lasted from October till May (with sometime off for Christmas), and Andrea is very happy with the results. Once again she found DeHaan Remodeling easy to work with and was impressed by the clean-up they did as they went along. She found the team very respectful, polite and professional. Subcontractors, like the electricians who work with DRS, so impressed Andrea that she has since hired some of them for additional projects.

A side benefit of working with DRS, notes Andrea, is that they helped with small tasks when she moved into her new house—things like fixing a sticky door and hanging her TV. Jordan DeHaan, she says, “can do anything. It was like having a handyman around the house.”

Having worked with DeHaan Remodeling to re-do not one, but two homes, what could possibly be left for this family to do? Well, Andrea says, she has been giving a lot of thought to transforming the attached garages into expanded living space, then building a new garage. Would she consider calling DeHaan Remodeling for this work? Without a doubt.



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