

Custom HOME OF THE WEEK

New home is culmination of family dream

By Liz Bennett

David Jinks and Paula Sommerville's home is something special, but not just because it's custom-built and beautiful. It holds a special part in Sommerville's heart

Long Lake. The home was finished in June 2002, so the couple and visitors were able to enjoy dinners and morning coffee on the deck that extends the dining area.

The main floor of the home sits at the

that room.

The upper level is host to most of the family's activities. The large living room is open to the kitchen and dining room. That openness, the cathedral ceilings and the span of windows make the area appear much larger than it actually is.

The couple chose hardwood flooring instead of carpet for the entire upper level and, as an added touch, had a redwood design inset into the entryway floor.

In the kitchen, the color and texture of hickory cabinets accentuate the warmth of the floor's wood tone.

Two of the things that Sommerville enjoys daily are in the master bathroom.

"We have a Grohe faucet in the shower that is temperature regulated. Just pick 80 degrees, and it's that in seconds."

The other feature she appreciates is a local floor furnace situated under the sink cabinet. A flip of a switch and warm air flows across the floor, warming her feet on cold mornings.

When the gift of property was presented and a house was in their future, the couple didn't hire just any builder. Sommerville did

research, a lot of research.

"I'm neurotic about things and I read about eight books about it. I was looking for tips on what to avoid because you hear horror stories about building a home."

Once she'd read and learned as much as she could, the couple turned to Mike Cohen, owner of MC Construction Consultants, Inc. Sommerville says Cohen took them on a lake tour, pointing out houses he had designed, then gave them a tour of his own Long Lake residence. They were sold on his talent, and the building process began.

"We gave Mike what I'd drawn that showed what we wanted in a house, and he came up with a floor plan. He did a great job."

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because it's the culmination of a dream that began 34 years ago.

"Mom and Dad bought this property in 1968, but never built on it because my father passed away before they had a chance to build," Sommerville says. "My mom held onto the property, which was tough for her, being a single mom. She gave the property to us as a gift, and building a home here was like a family dream - and I thank her for that."

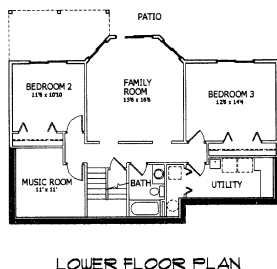
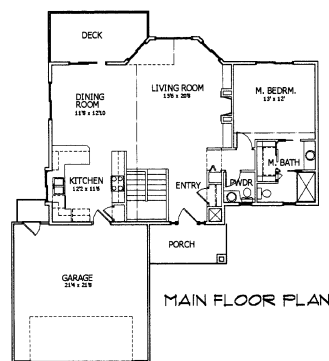
The dream home, designed and built by MC Construction Consultants, Inc., is a two-story home filled with massive windows that give the young family a breathtaking view of

top of a hill, while the lower level is built into the side of the hill. The result of the design allowed the couple more square footage on the narrow lot.

The large family room, with its abundance of windows, is the focal point of the lower level. When the couple's newborn gets older, that room will be transformed into a playroom. Also on that level are the baby's bedroom, the third bedroom, which is used as a den, and Jinks' music room.



Jinks enjoys playing the drums, but never had his own space, so the space is something he enjoys without disturbing the rest of the household. Because the room is nestled into the hill and has the addition of air pockets in the walls, the sound doesn't go beyond



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