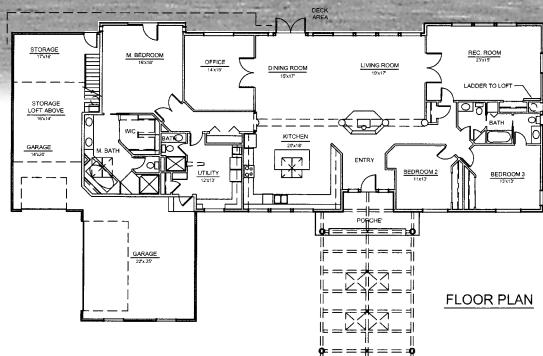


Custom HOME OF THE WEEK

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- 3249 sq. ft. home
- 3 bedrooms, 3 baths
- Den + loft & rec room
- 3 car garage + shop



Home reflects one family's history

Building their home was a hands-on experience for Ken and Kathy Thomsen. Instead of selecting an existing home and then adjusting to its features, the couple worked with MC Construction Consultants Inc. to design a home around their needs and lifestyle.

The heart of the design is the homeowner's. "We actually designed the basics and changed it three times, then Mike's people found a way to make it work," Ken says. "They're incredible to work with."

Mike Cohen, owner of MC Construction Consultants Inc., is known for using a creative touch to produce dramatic homes. He also hires experts in their field, such as John Mathews who impressed the Thomsens with his ability to transform a piece of wood into a beautiful element of the house.

"The kitchen island top is cherry wood, and John milled it down and finished it," Ken says. "It's immaculate."

Ken found a maple log that had a dark stain at the heart and thought it would make a beautiful mantle. Visitors to the

home now marvel at the delicate curves of the massive piece of wood that hugs the rugged stones.

Another eye-catching feature is the carved bear that hangs above the kitchen area. Ken says that a Salish Indian from British Columbia carved the statue that depicts two bears feasting on salmon.

"It was amazing," Kathy remembers. "The man was 72 at the time and carved barefooted, standing on the scaffolding."

Wood is an important part of the 3,485-square-foot home. Although the exterior is brick, the interior resembles a rustic lodge. Rough beams form the inner structure and oak floors add to the log cabin atmosphere.

The drive-through echoes the interior design, with its thick supporting logs and wood supports. A smaller version of the drive-through covers the back deck area, where the couple enjoys cooking year-round.

The home has ample living area for the couple and their two teen-age children. There are three bedrooms, a recreation

room, an office, a combined dining and living room, and a spacious kitchen.

Another spacious area is the laundry room, which is an integral part of the living space.

"We run our business out of our home, so that room is Ken's staging area," Kathy says, to which Ken adds with a laugh, "It's kind of like my walk-in closet. It has shelves, drawers and cupboards where I keep my work clothes."

Kathy is thankful for the baseboard vacuum system that was installed in both the utility room and kitchen. She simply sweeps the dirt to the opening and engages the system with a tap of her toe.

"My friends love that feature, and many have added it to their homes."

While the home is comfortable and unique in many ways, it also has a deeper connection for Ken. It sits on land that his great grandfather homesteaded. Looking out the living room windows, the couple can see the farm where Ken grew up and the thick woods that he explored as a youngster.

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