

TRADITION with a *Twist*

An Unfortunate Event Provides
an Opportunity to Build a Dream Home

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Sometimes good things come out of bad. That is what Jennifer and Michael Glackin experienced when their Midland home was destroyed in a fire. “The biggest challenge we faced was dealing with the emotional aspects of losing our home and all our personal property and then figuring out how to put everything back together again,” shares Jennifer.

Jennifer poured through magazines and honed in on kitchens, baths and bedrooms she found to be unique, yet livable. She then put her library of pictures in a binder, which became the starting point for their rebuild.

The exterior of the home remained the same, but the interior was gutted with only the studs remaining. They retained the original layout but everything else is new including the furnishings.

“We lived in our home for three years prior to the fire, so I was able to integrate the things I loved about the house and modify the aspects that could be improved upon to better suit our family’s needs,” explains Jennifer.

A major challenge was having three children and three dogs displaced for 15 months during the destruction and rebuild of the home. But that discomfort was well rewarded by builder, Kelly Wall,

of Greystone Homes, and designer, Casey Pincumbe, from Design Within, who brought the home back to life, exceeding all their expectations. “Kelly helped in so many ways to turn what was left of our house into our dream home,” share the Glackins. “His attention to detail and high quality craftsmanship stand out the most.”



Casey and Jennifer define the home’s style as traditional with a twist, implementing transitional accents and a touch of the unexpected throughout. The dining room chandelier is cited as a shining example. The striking staircase that combines dark wood and light balustrades is yet another example of the quest for the unique. Prior to the fire, the living room was devoid of a focal point. Adding the fireplace not only re-

solved the design flaw but gave way to two furniture groupings, one intimate centered around the fireplace and a second with a game table to enjoy card and board games.

The rooms are styled to complement each other but also incorporate Jennifer’s design whims and whimsy. The sun room is light and airy, yet the office is paneled in a dark walnut creating the distinguished, cozy feel of a library. The open kitchen with high ceiling is detailed with wood beams, another example of an unexpected design detail in this



transitional-style home. The kitchen incorporates both flair and practicality: mismatched cabinetry adds flair, while practicality is embodied in the island size increased to accommodate five people. The kitchen layout, redesigned to better suit Jennifer's cooking needs, now includes an island prep sink and a Wolf steamer.

Both master bedroom and bath were redesigned as well. A second door leading to the closet was eliminated to allow for more living space. Reconfiguration of the bath made room for a walk-in shower and soaking tub.

This home was transformed from black soot to a place of comfort and beauty. While retaining some familiarity, it implements many changes to improve on what the homeowners loved about their home. It has become a place for creating new memories that in time will haze over the difficulties of an unfortunate happening. □



PREVIOUS PAGE: Circular brick planters and double chimneys are the attention getters of this traditional brick home.

PREVIOUS PAGE (INSET): This lot was selected for the peace and quiet associated with living slightly outside Midland's city limits.

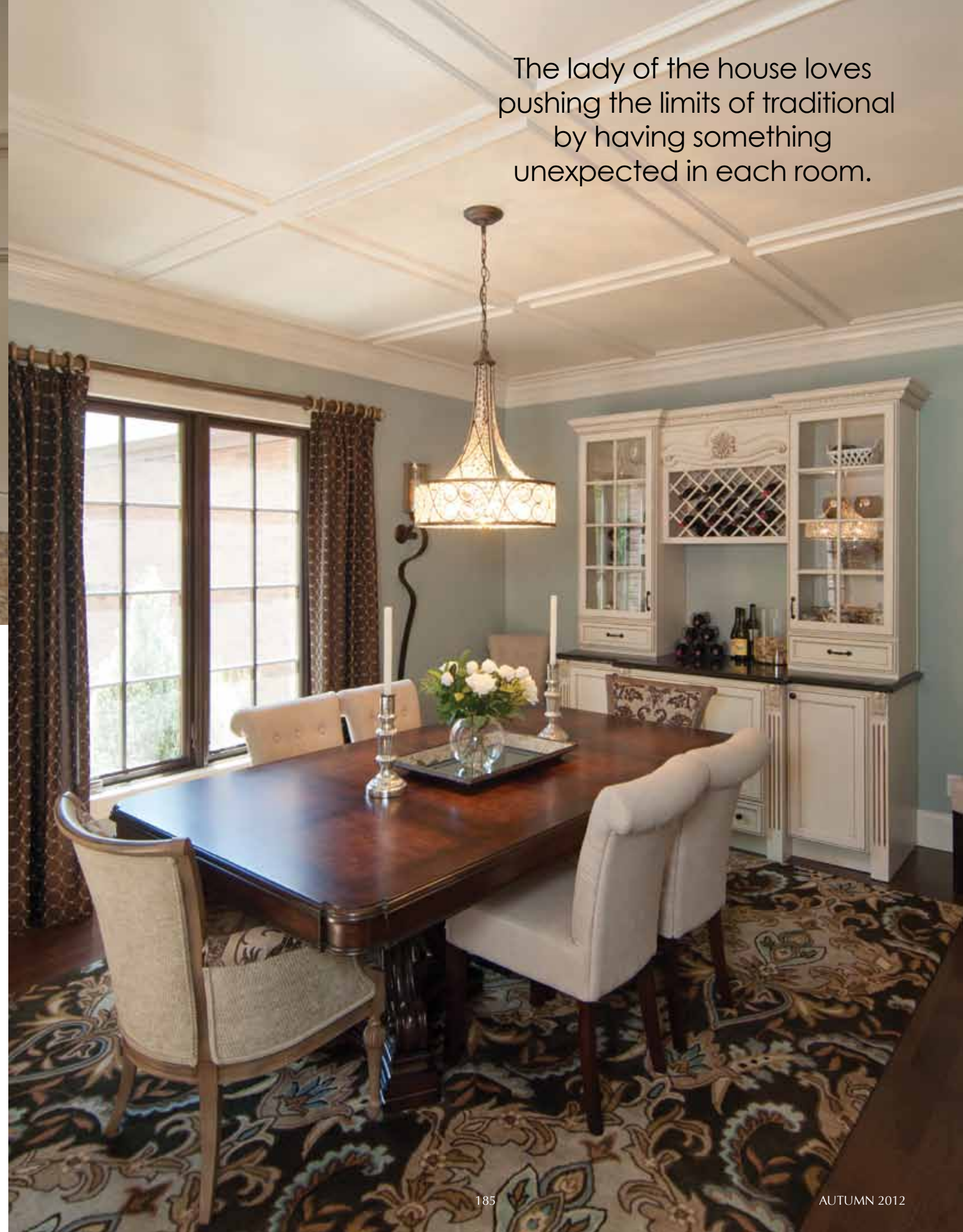
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ABOVE: High ceilings are complemented by taller cabinets, additional windows and an enlarged island.

BELOW: An island cooktop was transformed with a professional range, wood hood and mantle.

OPPOSITE: The formal dining room artfully combines traditional detailing with contemporary accents.

The lady of the house loves pushing the limits of traditional by having something unexpected in each room.





OPPOSITE PAGE

ABOVE: A bank of windows and multiple skylights bring the outdoors in.

BELOW LEFT: The eating area's dining table offers semi-circle benches along with three chairs for seating.

BELOW RIGHT: Dark mahogany adds a cozy, sophisticated feel to the office.

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ABOVE: Living spaces and seating abound throughout the home for comfort and luxury.

MIDDLE: A favorite feature in the master bedroom is the wall covering inside the tray ceiling.

BELOW LEFT: The stand-alone soaking tub is one of many features added in the new structure after redesigning the master bedroom and bath.

BELOW RIGHT: The master bath was redesigned to allow for a walk-in shower with jet/sprays and double showerheads.





ABOVE: Numerous fireplaces were implemented into the rebuild.

BELOW: A theater room is complete with eight reclining seats, full screen and theater sound system.

OPPOSITE: The laundry/mud room has five named cubbies so everyone knows exactly where their stuff should land.



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Kelly has served as Home Builder's Association President for the past two years. He enjoys spending time with his wife and five children. He is an active volunteer in the youth group at his church and with Boy Scouts of America. He also designs and builds fine furniture.

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