

# FUN *and* *Funky*



## A New Address Introduces Uniqueness Unlike Any Other In The Area

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**T**ina and Arrin Fisher both aspired to building a home. But it was Tina who enveloped it as an opportunity to create an environment “that just makes you happy.” For her that was an exercise in combining clean lines, geometric accents and evocative color with a bit of zany.

Tina’s parents built a home when she was a child and from that point on she decided that as an adult, she would do the same. “I would like cut out pictures of things that caught my eye and store them in a file,” shares Tina.

Her other inspiration was their children. It was a priority to build a home that was fun for them before they leave home.

It was a long and tedious search to find at least a 2-acre parcel in a rural community with a smaller school district. A lot large enough for wild dirt bike rides, a volleyball court and a softball field. A 10-acre parcel in Freeland offered the perfect solution.

Tina spent hours on the computer searching for unique products and ideas, designing a home with a moderate modern flare that wouldn’t look out of place in their country setting. “We ended up using a lot of circular shapes,” explains Tina. “Our home is fun and funky and that is the look I was going for.”

That translates into an open floor plan and bright accent colors mixed with a bit of whimsy. “I tried to find something for each room that would make it pop,” states Tina.

From the onset, Tina wanted curb appeal but also an interior that made its own statement. Arrin finally asked, “Do you want the ooh la la on the inside or the ooh la la on the outside?”

Ooh la la became the defining verbiage for decision-making throughout the house.

In the family room it is the colorful, curvaceous furniture for a

light-hearted surprise. In the dining room, it is the eye-catching light fixture along with the green accented stools. The powder room vanity introduces a unique splash of color.

The children were given an opportunity to decorate their rooms, selecting a bright color palette, along with irregularly shaped sinks





and mirrors. The kitchen “pop” is an eye-catching glass and stainless back splash with a mirrored finish. The texture invokes an interest worth lingering to study. The unusual vertical installation mimics the stone fireplace. The “S” shaped stainless bar stools are the perfect detail to complete the quest for unusual.

A sentimental touch, as well as superb design, is imparted with iron railing system built by Tina’s father.

The master bedroom needed to be soothing but harmonious with the modern flare. Tina selected a subdued, inviting blue that complements the subtle grey carpet. A braille wall covering takes it over the top. The circular design in the carpet and master bath mirrors represent the geometric theme repeated throughout the house. The sinks were selected long before the building process began and became the foundation on which everything else was designed. The funky chrome and blue glass pendant lights take the stage.

From the beginning, Heritage Builders knew that Tina and Arrin wanted “different.” That is why they were selected for the job. “We had never been through this process and we felt comfortable with them from the onset,” share the couple. “They did a very good job creating the home we envisioned.”

PREVIOUS PAGE: Contrasting colors and texture add curb appeal.

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ABOVE: Maple cabinetry finished in Espresso and black granite countertops make a statement.

MIDDLE: The kitchen boasts a definite modern flare.

BELOW: The living room furnishings definitely are “fun and funky!”

OPPOSITE: The Tigerwood flooring throughout adds interest with varying shades of light and dark.



A variety of angles and pops of color add aesthetic value.



**OPPOSITE PAGE**

**ABOVE LEFT:** The expansive ceilings combine with the open floor plan to create a spacious living environment.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** The dining room light fixture was selected for its contribution to the unique.

**BELOW:** Splashes of color enhance the decor and furnishings.

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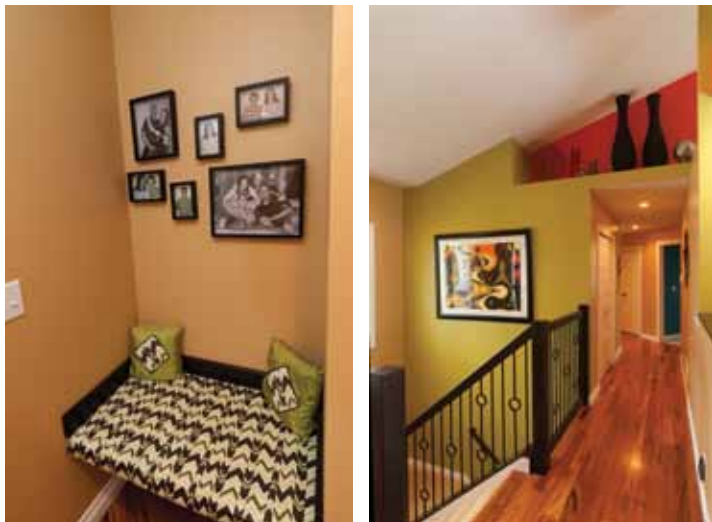
**ABOVE:** Circular shapes are repeated in the light fixture and patterned carpet.

**MIDDLE LEFT:** The colored globes of the pendant lighting complement the master bedroom.

**MIDDLE RIGHT:** The bath was designed around the unusual sinks.

**BELOW:** A black steam tub/shower unit is eye catching.





**ABOVE LEFT:** Modern flare is carried throughout the home with fabrics and accessory selections.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** A niche adds interest to the upper hall.

**BELOW:** The railing system was built by Tina's father.



## Heritage Builders and Sons LLC

**PRINCIPAL OWNER (S):**  
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**NUMBER OF YEARS IN BUSINESS:**  
32

**YEAR BUSINESS STARTED:**  
1980

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Associate degree from Delta College, and continuing education at Saginaw Valley University.

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