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A Modern Farmhouse

ON TORCH LAKE

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Known for its clear and turquoise water, Grand Traverse area's Torch Lake offers one of Michigan's most sought-after locations for lakefront property. Along its northwestern shore sits one of its newly constructed properties, a Modern Farmhouse designed for both entertainment and aging in place.



Skillfully crafted by the team at Endura Performance Homes, the 4,418-square-foot home features a spacious main level with walkout below, four bedrooms and three full baths. Several years ago, while viewing an award-winning home built by Endura, the homeowners met builder Ryan McCool, and a partnership was formed to help design and build the couple's year-round home.

"We spent years and years looking at homes and I love the mixture of old types of things that are new and updated," the homeowner says. "The goal was to keep aging in place in mind, have everything we need on the main level and have the lower level for guests. It's almost as if we built two houses, one on top of the other."

Originally situated on the nearly one-acre property with 100 feet of lake frontage was a mid-1980s ranch that included a boathouse at the water's edge. While the home wasn't salvageable, the boathouse remains intact, and many parts of the former home's interior were donated to Habitat for Humanity before it was razed.

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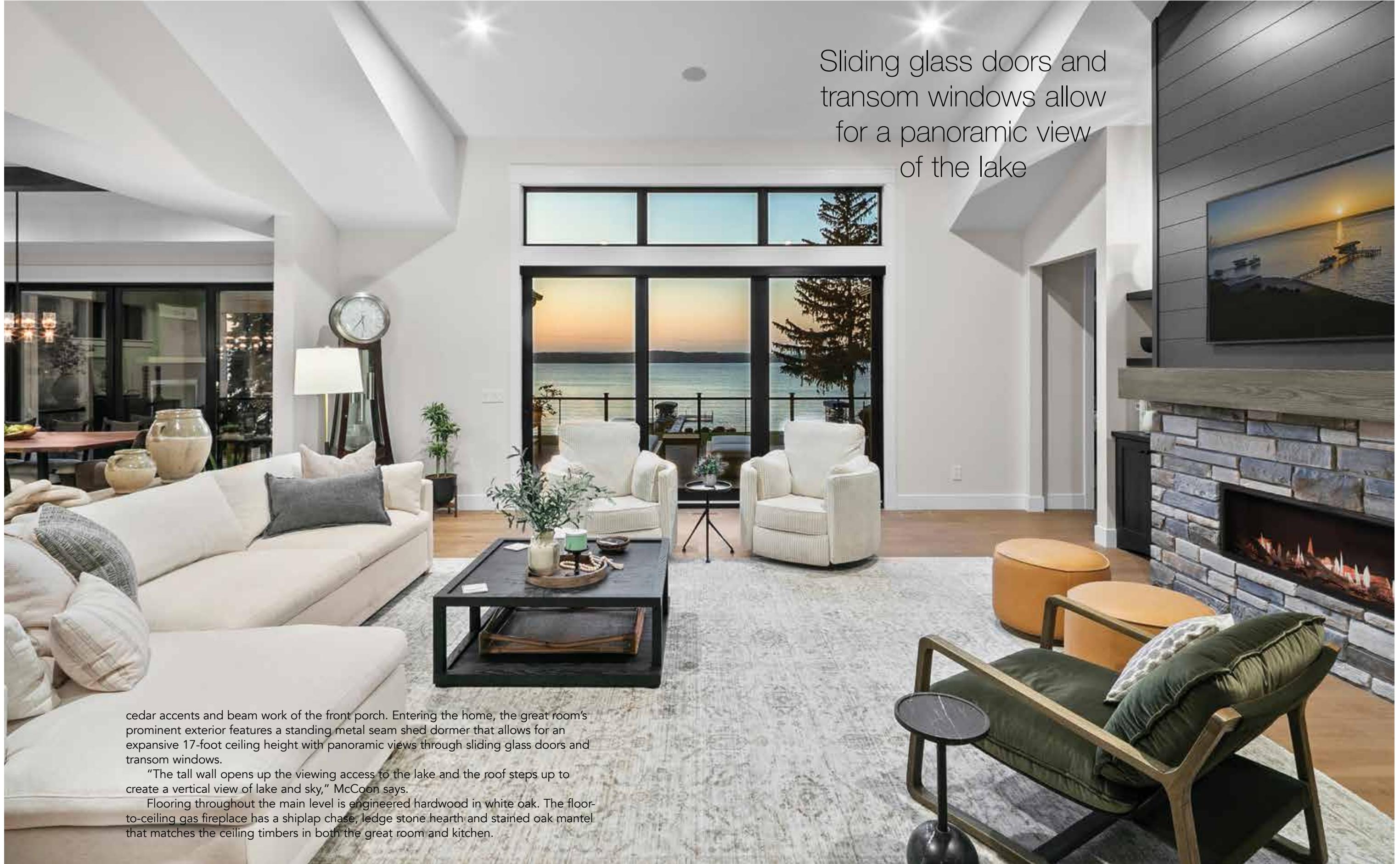
The home's black and white exterior exemplifies Modern Farmhouse design while providing a striking contrast with the vibrant turquoise hues of the lake. Materials used to create this effect include LP SmartSide board-and-batten siding, a combination of shingles with standing metal seam roofing, stained cedar gable brackets, strategically placed custom-fabricated steel shed roofs and Marvin casement windows.

Endura Performance Homes is well known for building energy-saving and healthy homes. For McCoon and his team, materials such as thermally broken stud (t-stud) construction, strategic use of closed-cell spray foams, a specialized elastomeric air barrier, blown-in fiberglass insulation for wall insulation, rigid sheet foam under the basement slab, high-efficiency HVAC equipment for the entire home, and an energy recovery ventilator (ERV) are just some of the products and systems he uses when building homes.

One of the couple's favorite parts of the home is the view through the front door to the lake. The 8-foot custom front door combines Douglas Fir and glass, serving as the central focus of the ledge stone-wrapped double columns, stained



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Sliding glass doors and transom windows allow for a panoramic view of the lake

cedar accents and beam work of the front porch. Entering the home, the great room's prominent exterior features a standing metal seam shed dormer that allows for an expansive 17-foot ceiling height with panoramic views through sliding glass doors and transom windows.

"The tall wall opens up the viewing access to the lake and the roof steps up to create a vertical view of lake and sky," McCoon says.

Flooring throughout the main level is engineered hardwood in white oak. The floor-to-ceiling gas fireplace has a shiplap chase, ledge stone hearth and stained oak mantel that matches the ceiling timbers in both the great room and kitchen.



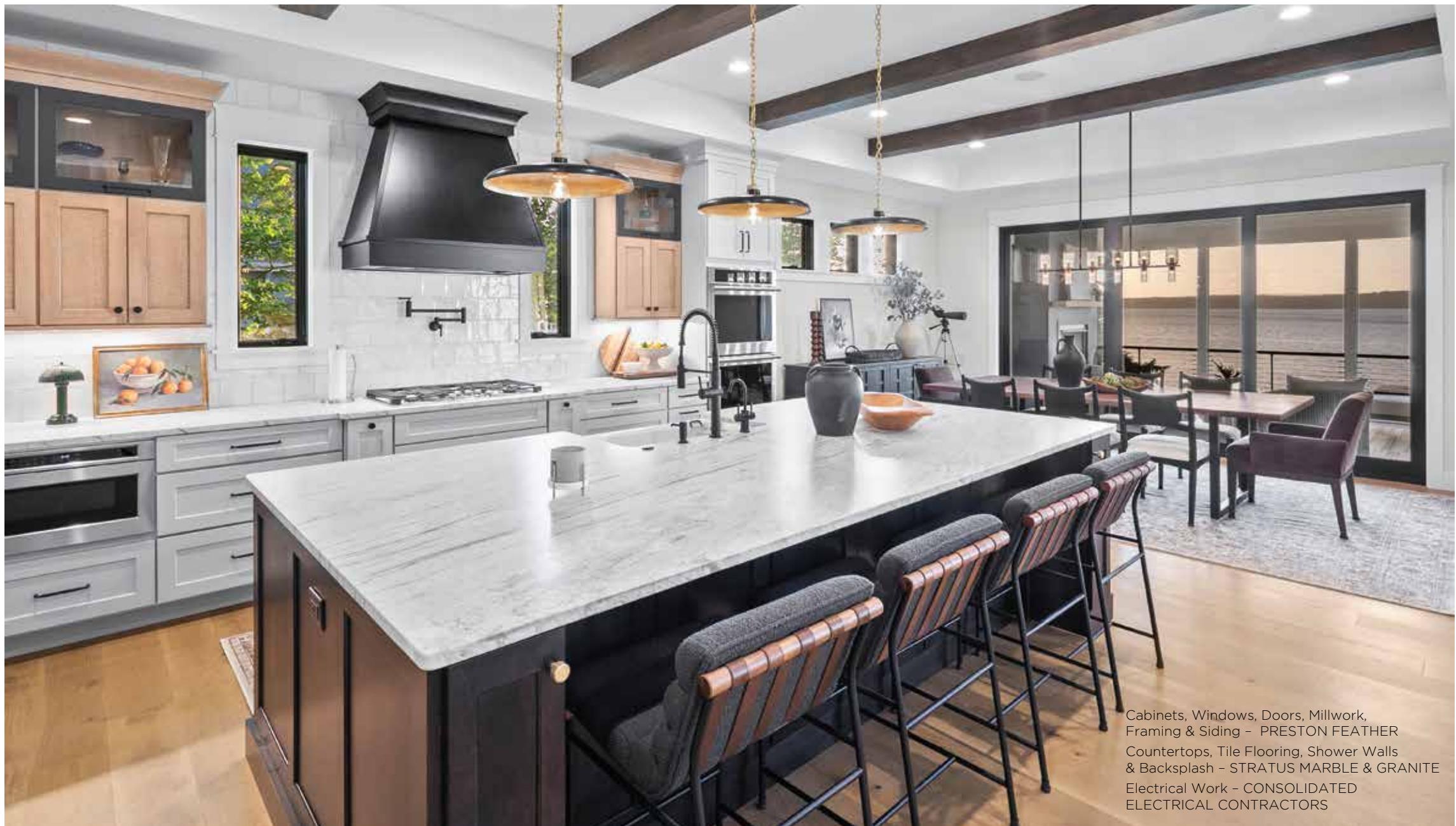
The open kitchen features a tray ceiling, brush-finished quartzite countertops and Shaker-style painted cabinetry in Irish Cream. Balancing the creamy beige tone are quarter-sawn oak, cappuccino-stained cabinets with the striking onyx stain finish of the range hood and the island that seats four. Featured above the kitchen cabinetry are lighted glass cabinets trimmed in black metal that display an especially cherished collection of glass.

"My family brought their glassmaking trade over from Sweden and settled in Bremen, Ohio," the homeowner says. "They are known for their perfectly aligned bubbles in their colored glass creations."

An L-shaped pantry with a quartzite countertop prep area is located through a glass and metal door adjacent to the kitchen. The space features a full-sized freezer, floating shelves, ample storage for staples and appliances.

A three-season porch with a gas fireplace is accessible from the dining room sliding doors, the uncovered entertainment deck and the stairs on the north side leading to the lake.

"It's my favorite spot," the wife says. "You have the best look at the lake, you get the morning sun without having to deal with the bugs."



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The master suite also faces the lake. In addition to clothing storage, the extensive walk-in closet features drawers containing jewelry trays and glass cabinetry to display purses. The master bath is tiled in matte ceramic tile featuring a king's star night pattern. A large shower has subway tile, several niches and a river rock floor with artfully inserted, hand-selected, specially cut Petoskey stones. The shower's thermostatic technology produces the perfect water temperature at the push of a button. A custom makeup area makes getting ready simple, featuring a lighted mirror with adjustable light tone and intensity and a large side drawer that houses a variety of hair appliances already plugged in.

Below the main level is an entire walkout area devoted to the comfort of guests. There are two bedrooms, one bath, a kitchen and a relaxing space with a 75-inch screen entertainment system as well as a speaker system throughout most of the home. A planned pool table will also fit nicely into the space. Flooring is premium luxury vinyl plank in white oak selected for durability, especially for an area of the home that leads to the beach.

When it's time to store items after a busy holiday or summer season, a storage elevator located in one of the three-car garage areas can do the heavy lifting as part of the aging-in-place design. McCoon says he's installed elevators in homes to carry people, but this is a first, an elevator to carry items for storage to the attic.

Thoughtful design takes time and for this empty-nest couple, Endura Performance Homes designed and built a beautiful new home with the heart of an old farmhouse to entertain family and friends for generations. □



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Ryan McCoon is president of Endura Performance Homes, a residential new home construction company founded on the belief that a home should reduce its energy consumption by significantly improving the building envelope, use long-lasting, durable products in its construction and provide exceptional indoor air quality for the occupants it serves. He has held designations as a LEED AP-Homes (Accredited Professional) through the U.S. Green Building Council and a Certified Passive House Builder (CPHb) certification through Passive House Institute U.S.

As a former board member of the Habitat for Humanity – Grand Traverse Region, Ryan was involved as the project manager, assisting Habitat in transitioning their construction program to a sustainable energy model for the families they serve. During his time there, he helped to create the first affordable Net Zero energy neighborhood development in Michigan at the Depot Neighborhood in Traverse City. He also served as board vice president for his local home builders association, where he worked to promote skilled trade careers and performance-building practices through local presentations and training events.

Ryan and his wife Marci have three children, Tylor, Brayden and Emily. The family is involved in their children's sports and outdoor activities, including football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, golf and track. Tylor currently plays football at Saginaw Valley State University and majors in finance. Brayden currently attends Michigan State University, studying Construction Management (BS), and Emily is a student at Traverse City Central High School.



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