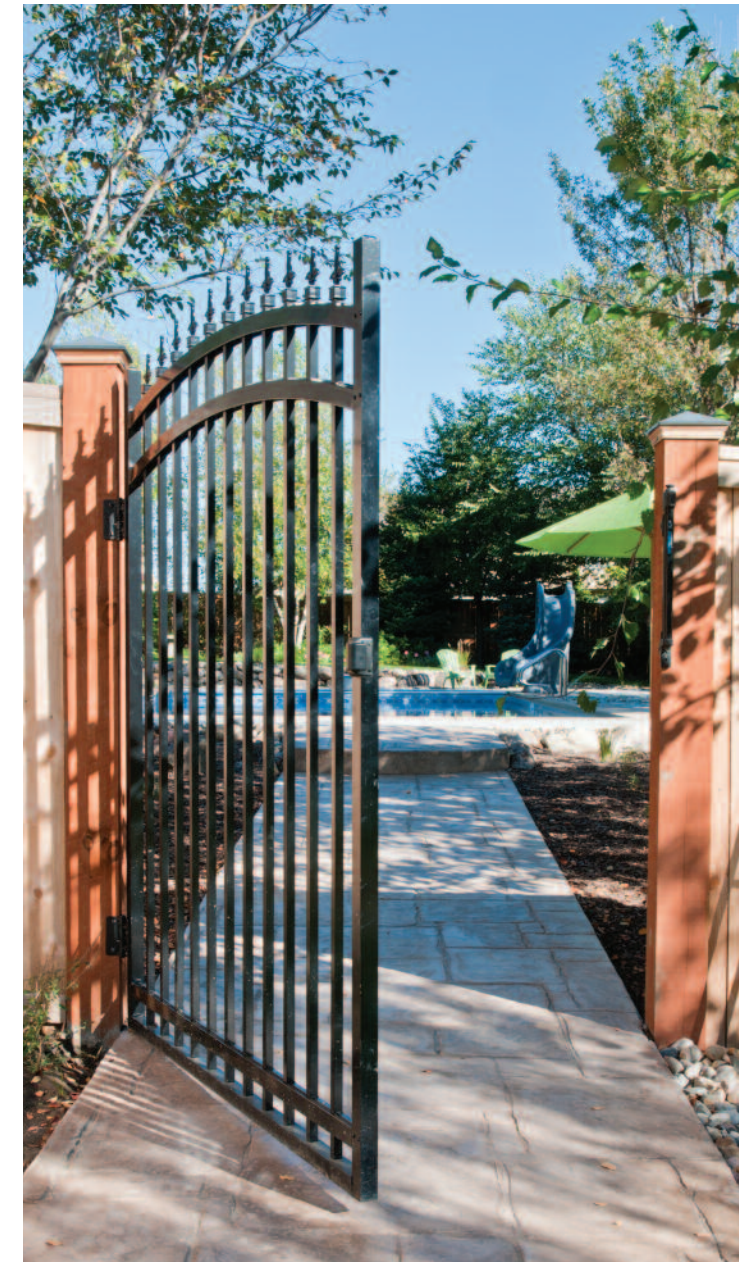


A NEW HOME, SAME ADDRESS



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A Clive family stays put and opens up their space for entertaining and family.



Left: The Baudler family of Clive decided to stay in their home and neighborhood, but to expand the possibilities of their home and yard. From a covered outdoor family room and kitchen to the fun pool, they feel they made the right move. **Above:** A classy iron gate opens up the new wood fence around the property.



Left: Market umbrellas and chaises encourage relaxing on the deck of the new pool.
Below: Deck seating and dining, in addition to room in a covered patio, allows for large-scale entertaining.

Julie and Bart Baudler of Clive wanted to expand their living space. With four active kids, the family loves to invite in friends for casual entertaining. It's fun to tailgate before a game, enjoy appetizers before a school event, or gather the neighbors for an impromptu get-together. The original plan was a no-brainer. The Baudlers own 13 acres out near Adel, and they had planned to build a new home, add a barn, and raise a few horses for everyone to enjoy.

"But reality got in the way," Julie says. "We love our neighbors, and we love our neighborhood. We would hate to leave."

"And besides," Bart explains, "the kids are really entrenched in their friends, their schools, and their various activities. It just didn't seem right to change all that." Their two sons and two daughters are 13, 11, 10, and 6 years old.

So the Baudlers, like so many others around Iowa and around the country, decided to stay put where they had lived for 10 years and to remodel to get what they wanted. "With four kids, we don't travel a lot as a family. It's so expensive and such a hassle, so we decided to create a resort feeling right at home," says Julie, a realtor with Coldwell-Banker.

The couple had worked with Colin King of K & V Homes before, when they were considering building. "He stuck with us and was so patient as we kept changing our plans. So when it came time to tackle this huge remodeling project, we, of course, worked with him," she explains.

Big Changes

Julie and King designed the new outdoor space, says Bart, who prioritized a large covered patio and a big fireplace. With those amenities, the family decided an in-ground swimming pool, measuring 22 by 52 feet, would be a fun addition.





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Also in the mix would be new windows for the whole house (including French doors from the dining room to a small deck), a new roof, new siding, and an addition to the garage for storage of items such as bicycles, an efficient mudroom for organization, and an outdoor basketball court for numerous activities. And, in a big move to efficiency, the Baudlers decided to add geothermal heating and cooling, too.

At the same time, the front of the home took on new character with the addition of stone and shake shingles for a completely different look and style, including a sophisticated iron gate in the side yard to the pool area. New columns, a new driveway, and large lanterns on the garages added a transitional feel.

"I wasn't surprised when Julie and Bart decided to stay and remodel," King points out. "We understand the whole decision is a process. It's going from what you have to what you want. It's also about looking at value and the equity you have established. Truly, about 50 percent of our business right now is remodeling as people decide to stay put."

He has a philosophy about the building industry. "The Midwest has its own economy that is different in many ways from the rest of the country. The confidence we have will get us through the recessionary times."

On the inside, with the addition of new Pella windows and doors, the exterior door in the family room was moved to a different wall to accommodate access to the new covered patio. Crescent-top windows above large lower windows let in more light, and French doors opened up the dining room to a small existing deck. The new mudroom offers extensive storage and organizational cubbies for the kids' items, including lots of plug-ins to charge cell

phones and video games. There's even a built-in kennel for the family dog.

Fun Times

Outside has become Fun Central. The shimmering pool, of course, with three fountains, a water slide, and decking for seating and colorful market umbrellas is a natural draw. A small boulder wall in the sloping yard sets off the pool area. "Logistically the pool had to be dug first," King explains. "In new construction, there's an order to building. But in remodeling, the subcontractors need to make multiple trips, working through all aspects of the project."

The covered patio with a floor-to-ceiling stacked-stone fireplace as the centerpiece offers a welcoming seating area for family and guests. Built-in benches flanking the fireplace provide more seating. The outdoor kitchen with its big grill and massive granite rounded serving counter is perfect for serving snacks and meals to grazers or to sit-down diners. Add a cozy fire and you're in business.

Over the fireplace is a 55-inch big-screen TV, just right for cheering on a favorite area or national sports team. Stamped concrete in brown tones forms the floor of the low-maintenance patio area. The stamped technique in natural color makes up the wide steps and walkway from the pool to the large iron gate. Hostas and hydrangeas fill in the planting areas flanking the walkway. A new six-foot wood fence borders the whole backyard.

As for the whole new look to the home, ask visitors who haven't been to the Baudlers' spot for awhile. Julie and Bart laugh that many people dropping off or picking up kids at their house drive by the first time. "They simply don't recognize it as our home. It's pretty funny." ■



Clockwise from far left:

A small boulder wall helped build up the back yard before the pool was installed.

- Fountains add a fun touch to the in-ground pool.
- The front of the home now has stone details and shake shingles for a new look.
- New storage by the back door helps the home run smoothly. There's even a built-in dog kennel.
- Bigger windows and new door locations changed the family room, which opens onto the covered patio and outdoor kitchen.