A Warm Place to Gather

James Barton Design-Build expands this couple’s house to create an open and welcoming home.

The Schile’s house in Apple Valley proved to be the perfect spot to raise their four children for over thirteen years. Great nearby schools, a big yard, and large square footage were just some of the things the couple loved about the house when they purchased it in 2004. However, with the children now moving out and starting families, the couple began to envision how to best bring their own taste and upgrades to the home.

“We like open spaces and really felt the main floor could be used more efficiently,” said Sandy Schile. “As our children get married and begin to have children, we wanted our home to have space for all of us to gather and feel comfortable.”
This spring, we’re so excited to have the Schile’s home as our Remodelers Showcase home during the Parade of Homes. Our team had a wonderful experience working with the Schile’s to bring their dream house to life and we are very proud of the end result. I invite you to join us the weekend of March 31st to see this breathtaking home in person!

If you’re anything like me, you are already planning for all the home improvements you have to do as the weather warms up. With spring right around the corner, remember that JBDB is ready to help with any exterior home renovations on your to-do list! Our team specializes in a wide range of exterior projects including siding, windows, roofing, exterior stone, deck, porches, and much more.

During this time of year, I am always reminded of how truly fortunate I am to have such an incredible team around me and to work with such great clients. Thank you for your continued referrals and business, and for being an important part of the James Barton Design-Build family!

Hope to see you at the Remodelers Showcase!

Best regards,

James Madsen
President, James Barton Design-Build

After dealing with many frustrations during past renovations, the Schile’s wanted to take their time to find the right team for their project. At their first meeting, the James Barton Design-Build team walked the couple through the design process and described how they’d be able to see 3D drawings of the plans, a specific price estimate, and an established timeline for project completion with key milestones to track progress.

“After several disappointing experiences with other contractors, their professional approach was something that really excited us and ended up leading us to hire JBDB for the project,” said Sandy.

The Schile’s project began by expanding the main level with a 16’ x 18’ sunroom addition that flowed seamlessly with the newly renovated outdoor deck and dining space. Huge windows were installed to allow natural light to flood the new addition during the day while a stacked stone gas fireplace helped create a cozy ambience. Speakers were installed in the addition’s vaulted ceiling to become just one of many zones throughout the home connected to a Sonos® sound system for music and TV.

Directly below the sunroom addition, a screened-in patio area was created as a place to enjoy the outdoors without being bothered by bugs. Light-colored patio pavers were chosen to provide a durable floor and an outdoor fan and speakers were installed into the area’s cedar tongue-and-groove ceiling.
Maple flooring was installed throughout the main level to create flow and was stained a rich deep brown onsite. Custom designed windows were installed at the rear of the home to tie into the windows of the expansive addition. In a uniquely creative design move, swinging barn-style doors were installed to hide the TV above the family room’s new stone gas fireplace insert.

“The design process with JBDB is amazing and something we really enjoyed being a part of,” said Sandy. “JBDB’s designer Emily was a great resource throughout the project and we can’t say enough great things about her ability to take our vision and style to the next level, especially in our kitchen.”

JBDB’s design team doubled the square footage of the Schile’s kitchen by eliminating a wall that closed off a rarely used formal dining room. In addition to creating more entertaining space, this expansion opened up the kitchen to the rest of the main level and made room for new appliances. The kitchen’s new stainless steel 48-inch gas range was something the Schile’s had wanted since marriage and it became a focal point with the addition of a custom oversized hood above. A dramatic 9-foot island transformed the kitchen into a perfect place for entertaining. The new island features a built-in wine fridge and microwave drawer and white granite countertops elegantly lit by three stone pendant lights above.

Custom-built white cabinets were installed to elegantly contrast the brown granite countertops while a new large window allows natural light to flood in above the farmhouse sink. Under cabinet lighting was installed to highlight the unique natural stone appearance of the new porcelain tiled backsplash throughout the kitchen. To offer even more storage options, a large pantry with multiple shelving options was built and enclosed by a charming white sliding barn door.

“JBDB was great to work with through all phases of the project!” said Sandy. “The team did an exceptional job of planning and designing the home of our dreams and bringing it to reality exactly on schedule with the highest quality of workmanship and integrity.”

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