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BEFORE

from UNFINISHED to
AWARD WINNING



As many young, growing families know too well, there never seems to be enough space. In addition to new arrivals, families have a tendency to collect stuff—and with small children, that means a lot of stuff! Such was the case for Erik and Erica who while loving their home, desperately needed additional living space. Fortunately for them they had a sizable unfinished basement that had the potential to meet their expansion needs while eliminating the need to build an addition at a greater cost.

In looking for a builder to take on their project, Erick and Erica opted for the award-winning Lancaster home builder and remodeler, Metzler Home Builders, who coincidentally built the home for the original owners in 2006. From their initial meeting with Tim Zehr, Metzler's Addition and Renovation Advisor and Senior Designer, the homeowners felt they were in great hands in terms of both design development as well as quality construction. And as you'll learn, they were not disappointed. In fact, subsequent to the project completion and with the

homeowners' enthusiastic approval, the Metzler Home Builders team entered the couples' basement renovation in a BIA (Building Industry Association of Lancaster County) competition in which it won its category.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The unique home layout and available space provided the opportunity to accomplish four things on the homeowners' wish list: a library/game room, a playroom, a media room and storage space. Other things they wanted to incorporate into the

We were very impressed with the proposal put together by Tim (Addition and Renovations Advisor/Senior Designer) and how well he worked together with us. Compared to the other proposals we got, Metzler seemed to offer the best "bang for the buck" and we were definitely willing to pay for the quality we expected to have in the finished product.

Homeowners, Erick & Erica

**2021 Winner***Elite Remodeling Project*



Missing from photo: Skip Butler



Abe Metzler worked as a carpenter for over 20 years when, in 1953, he decided it was time to start his own company. Abe started with home and barn remodeling projects for a number of farmers in the area. With help from his oldest son, Roy, they began to take on more work, and were approached to build a new home. The successful father and son team was the genesis of Metzler Home Builders.

Taking a cue from his father, Roy, Dan Metzler would likewise grow up in the family business. He followed his father around watching his every step, adhering to the same qualities Roy learned from his father. Dan has been a partner since 1978, and he and his wife Janet have successfully handled the business affairs since 1988, when his father retired. In the summer of 2011, Dan and Janet's son, Jordan, joined the Metzler team, and is now the 4th generation to be involved in the family business.

Over the span of almost seven decades, Metzler Home Builders has designed and built hundreds of new homes, and has completed countless addition and renovation projects. We have built our reputation on crafting quality homes and additions, providing efficient project management, and open communication through the life of the project, and beyond. The numerous awards and recognitions we have received over the years attest to our team's dedication to our craft and to our customers.

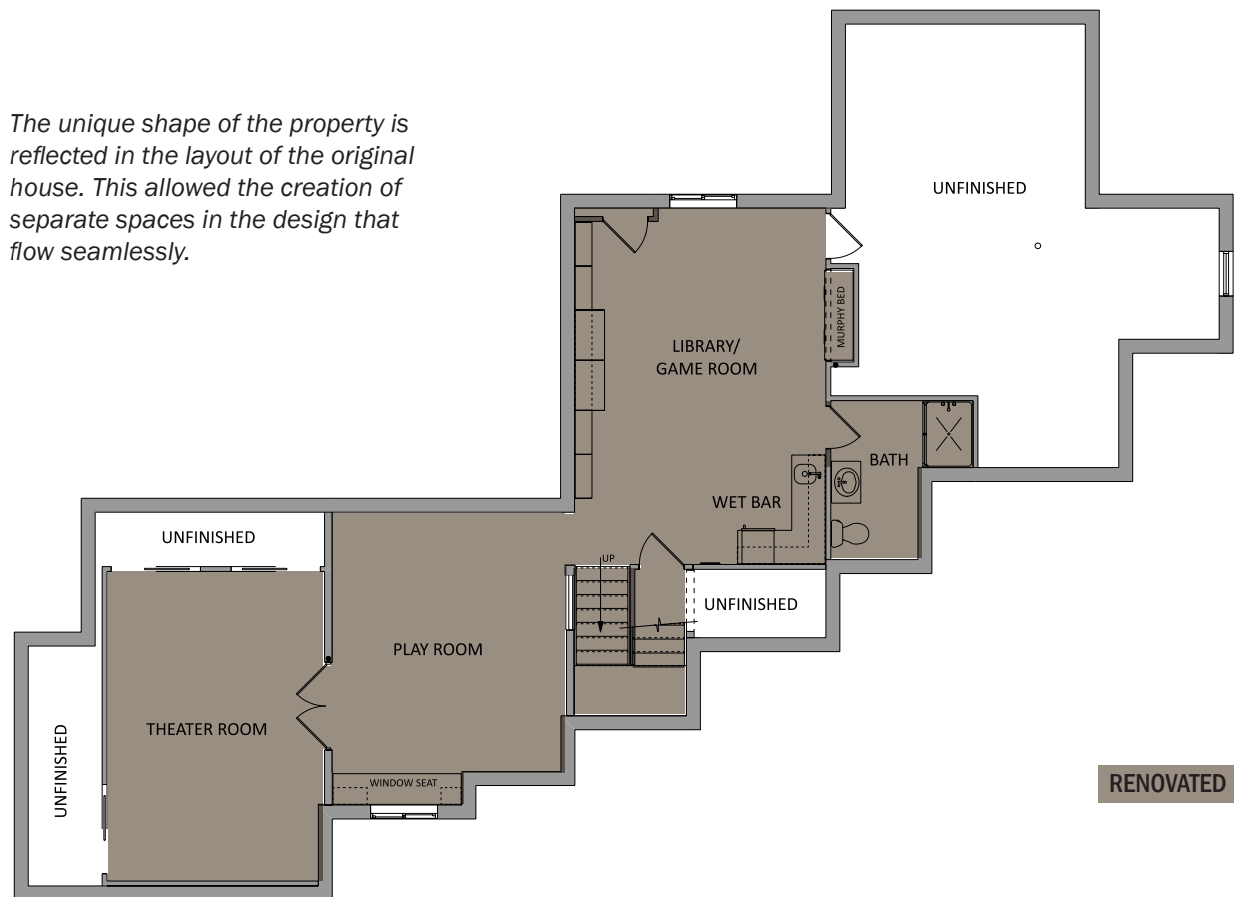
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The open communication and up front nature that Tim and Mike (Project Manager) demonstrated throughout the process was greatly appreciated. I am a stickler for details, and every email and conversation I had, no matter how unimportant or weird it may have seemed, was dealt with very professionally and timely by all involved.

Homeowner, Erick

The unique shape of the property is reflected in the layout of the original house. This allowed the creation of separate spaces in the design that flow seamlessly.




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space were a bathroom, a wet bar and a Murphy bed—all of which were incorporated into Tim's initial plan. Erick and Erica were impressed with Tim's initial design work and proposal, and felt like they were getting the best "bang for the buck" in having Metzler's undertake the project. They were willing to pay for the quality they expected to have in the finished product.

Work began on the basement in the beginning of March of 2020 but was halted shortly thereafter due to the



GR Mitchell
 (see ad on p. 10)



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pandemic's construction shut-down. During this pause, the media room shifted to a whole different space in Erick's mind—and the idea of a theater room was born. By hiring an audio/

visual specialist, the room was transformed. The wall-hung TV was scrapped for a 106" diagonal screen and a ceiling mounted 4K HDR home theater projector. Speakers and a subwoofer were

installed, and sound-deadening features were utilized in the walls and ceilings to minimize sound transference to the remainder of the home. The addition of smart lighting controls greatly enhance the theater experience.

Erick and Erica appreciated the flexibility demonstrated by the entire Metzler team to adjust on the fly and deal with the initial COVID phase. They were impressed with how the framing layout led to an excellent utilization of space, and appreciated the attention to detail that Mike Trout (Project Manager) and his crew demonstrated throughout the entire process. Erick, a self-described "stickler for details", commented that "every email and conversation I had, no matter how unimportant or weird it may have seemed, was dealt with very professionally and timely by everyone involved."

In addition, Erick reported, "Less than two months after completion, we had an unrelated water leak in our theater room from the HVAC humidifier unit and Tim was great to work with on the insurance claim and restoration. Everyone went above and beyond to help us deal with that unforeseen event."

With three small children, Erick and Erica use their newly finished basement every day. They love the built-in cabinets and bookshelves, and the unique spaces that Tim designed. The Murphy bed and full bath allow for a wonderful retreat for out-of-town guests.

Whether they want a quiet place to read, watch the kids play, or enjoy a movie together in the theater room, this young family has an amazing space that will serve them well for years to come!



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We use the basement every day and with three small children, having the unique spaces designed by Metzler is absolutely perfect for us. The built-in cabinets and bookshelves as well as the amazing framing work all led to such great utilization of space. We couldn't be happier with the finished product.

Homeowners, Erick & Erica



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We really appreciate the attention to detail that Mike and his crew demonstrated throughout the entire process. Also, we couldn't be more pleased with the flexibility demonstrated by the entire Metzler team to adjust on the fly and deal with the initial COVID phase. Their efforts were greatly appreciated.

Homeowners,
Erick & Erica



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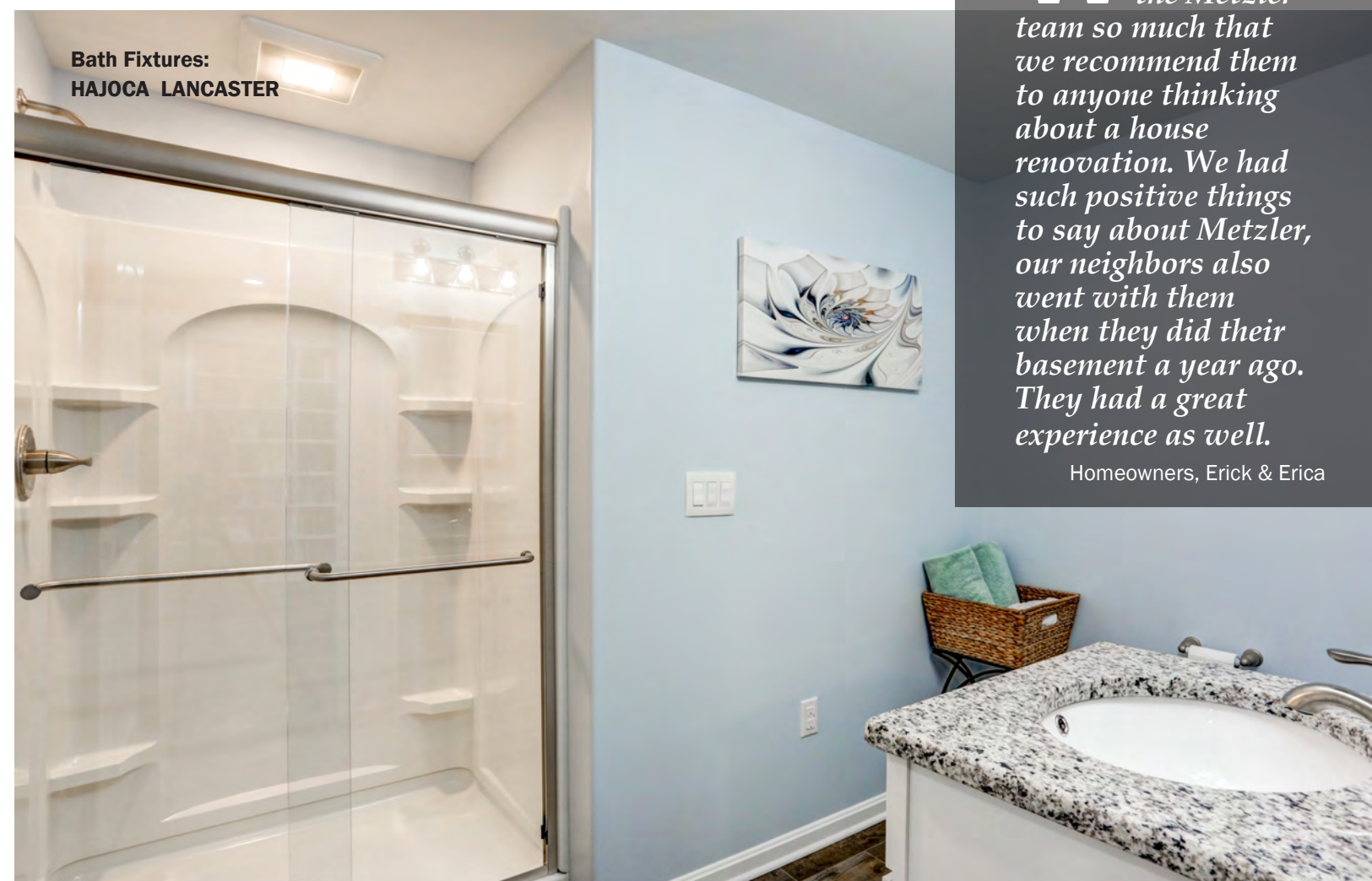
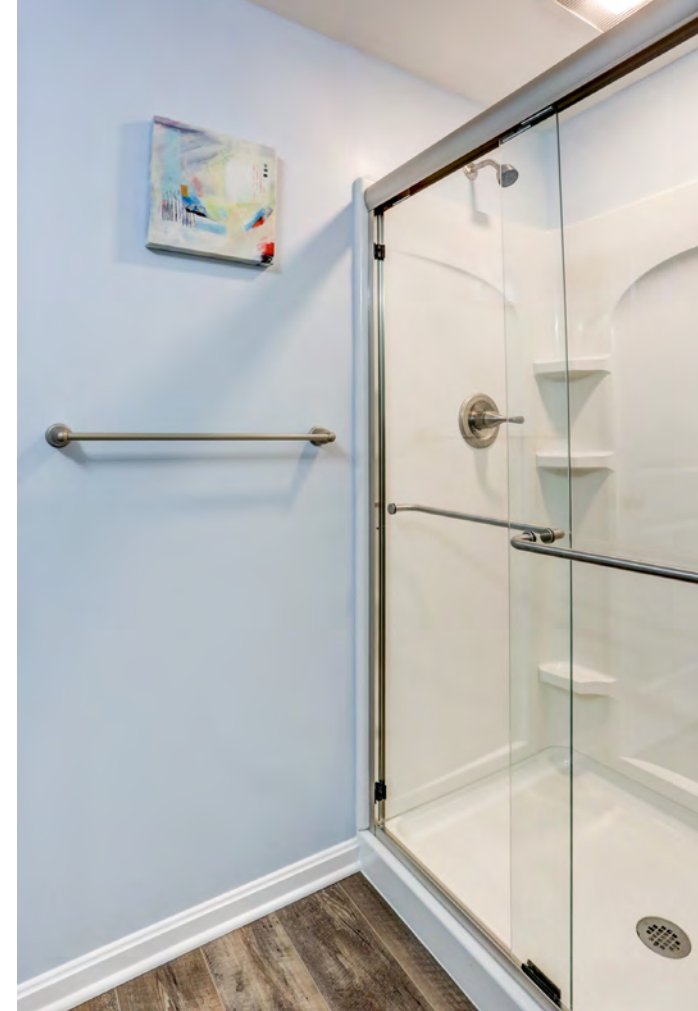
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We enjoyed working with the Metzler team so much that we recommend them to anyone thinking about a house renovation. We had such positive things to say about Metzler, our neighbors also went with them when they did their basement a year ago. They had a great experience as well.
Homeowners, Erick & Erica



meet the principals...

Jordan Metzler
President

Dan Metzler
Vice President

Janet Metzler
Office Manager



Jordan meets with clients interested in building a new home. Other responsibilities include estimating, drafting and permitting. Jordan joined the family business in the summer of 2011 after six years working as a drafter in the civil engineering field. From this experience, he is able to guide our customers through the storm water management process. Jordan and his wife, Anna, live in Strasburg with their children, Jordan Jr., Evelyn and Hudson.

Jordan's father, Dan, handles land acquisition, and his mother, Janet, is the Office Manager, overseeing daily accounting and general office management. She also assists the homeowner with exterior color selections. Dan and Janet have three married children and six grandchildren.

Additions & Renovations Advisor

Tim Zehr
Addition and Renovation
Advisor, Senior Designer /
Estimator



Tim has been employed by Metzler Home Builders since 1988. He guides our customers through the process of determining their needs and wants for their home, then creates an addition or renovation to fulfill those desires. When not working, Tim enjoys hiking, exploring nature, and spending time with family. He lives in Strasburg with his wife, Sharon, and has three adult children. Tim is a Certified Green Professional, a member of the Lancaster County Career and Technology Center's Advisory Committee for the Architectural CAD Course, and is a member of the Lancaster County Code Association.



Finishing off our basement has expanded our living space significantly. And having it done by a team of professionals such as Metzler Home Builders gave us the peace of mind that the space would be designed and constructed by experts – and it was! The Metzler team and their group of trade partners were amazing throughout the project and we couldn't be happier with their work.

Homeowners, Erick & Erica