

# Evergreen Remodeling full of fresh ideas

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Think “green” remodeling and you have become one of the overwhelming numbers of consumers who are following the popular trends in creating environmental friendliness with products and practices.

“We remodel and build just about anything for the homeowner,” said Sam Eagleson, owner of Evergreen Remodeling, Inc. “If a customer wants their kitchen, bathrooms, and any room in the house rejuvenated, we do that, including countertops, custom woodworking, flooring, and add-on rooms. We stress to our customers to use environmentally safe products. It’s a trend nationwide, but it is slow to come to the Midwest.”

In his trade, Eagleson engages in a wide variety of work, including a major project on which he is currently working for a resident in the Roanoke area.

“It’s a horse farm, and the owner of the farm is really doing it right,” said Eagleson. “She started with a \$55,000 project, and that number soon escalated when she decided to do a far bigger remodeling project than she first anticipated. But, she is doing it the right way. The project is the largest my company has tackled since we have been in business.”

Evergreen Remodeling is a small, emerging company in contrast to some other remodeling companies in Fort Wayne. Eagleson is one of three employees. He started in the trade when he was a freshman in high school, working alongside his father Ross until he opened his own shop. Ross is an employee of Evergreen, and he is also a mentor.

“Up until last year, I worked for my dad and a partner of his,” adds Eagleson. “At that time I decided to go on my own. It’s been a lot of fun! My dad works for me full-time. I would be so far behind in what I can accomplish if he were not here. He does all of the books, we split the bidding —it depends on customer and the project. He knows a lot of the customers from being in the business for so long.”

Woodworking is Eagleson’s passion. He owns a custom millwork and cabinet shop at 5325 Merchandise Drive which has become his haven for working with pristine woods, building cabinetry and contemplating his next project.

Eagleson looks forward to continued growth for his company. Five years down the road he hopes to have a store-front type shop where he can be more easily seen by the public.

“A place where people can actually come in and sit down and have a cup of coffee,” said Eagleson. “I would also like to have twice as many employees, at least two crews. And, dad is thinking about retiring in a few years. On our website it says, ‘For experience and knowledge, contact Ross. For fresh ideas, contact Sam.’”

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