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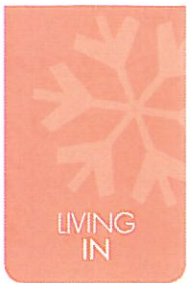
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The *Best Gifts*

Come in a 3,000-Square-Foot Box



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THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX may be overrated; because when it comes to building a home, most everything happens inside the box. In fact, here at the Sutherland Farms development in south Warren County, registered builder Kelly Arnold of Gemini Homes, Inc., only thinks outside the box long enough to get inside the next one.

His work at Sutherland Farms showcases his ability to accommodate the lifestyles of future homeowners and make sure they're comfortable inside the box. It is only then that he stands at the curb and considers how it will tie into the larger neighborhood.

The "box" in this case is new construction at 345 Roseberry Circle. During the 2010 Parade of Homes, this solidly-built family home was awarded "Best In Show" for a home less than 3,000 square feet.

Kelly was especially honored by this distinction because he respects the work of fellow contractors who represent the voting panel. The award is actually the first thing he mentions when he opens the front door to this two-story, single family home.

The second thing Kelly points out is definitely inside the box; the mailbox. When the monthly power bills arrive, the homeowner will be pleasantly surprised that not only did Arnold evaluate such architectural details as glass panel pocket doors to the mud room





Wall-mounted television has altered the circulation of America's living rooms and eliminated the need for an over-sized storage unit. Here, the fireplace becomes the focal point, while opposing couches create the perfect space for lively conversation.

The spacious kitchen has a ton of work surface thanks to the large island, which both divides the space and unites it.



and matching registers on the hardwood floors, but as a Certified Green Professional[®] he used Energy Star appliances for their efficiency, "superior air seal" technology and construction methods to ensure lower heating and cooling costs for the homeowner who will eventually be faced with paying them.

Arnold has been in the business for 30 years, but he still learns something new every time he builds a home. During the parade, he sat just off the kitchen and listened to the comments that were made among the guests. His decision to eliminate a formal dining room and replace it with an informal dining area and a long breakfast bar, which also helps define the open floor plan, was met with mostly high marks. Ninety-five percent of people said they really liked that, he recounts.

He learned some things that he already knew. For example, an intimate covered "grilling porch" just outside the back door provides the ideal space for the cook and a few buddies to share a drink while practicing the art of the "Que."

He separated the mudroom into several different functionalities and this, too, met with praise. The adjoining laundry area can be completely closed off to help quiet the space. Coat



Even without a formal dining area, there are ample spaces to share a meal. The rectangular, horizontally aligned window set high above the table offers natural light and also privacy.

hooks and cabinets provide plenty of storage just off the garage, while a large desk and built in hutch offers easy access and keeps the bills and other household documents within reach.

The great room comes complete with a gas-burning fireplace and a vaulted ceiling. Through a set of exterior doors there is a large covered patio area where families can gather at the end of the day to share an evening meal. The home has four bedrooms and a bonus room. This includes a first floor master suite and a downstairs guest bedroom where a single story bay window makes it a natural space for conversion to a home office. White oak hardwood floors throughout the lower level help establish a comfortable circulation from one living area to the next.

An upstairs landing overlooks the front door before heading off in either direction towards the children's rooms. Each offers its own selling point for potential buyers, especially if the buyers happen to have a young child who would love a propeller ceiling fan and a bench seat tucked into a sunny window space. There is also a full bath and an upstairs bonus room because according to the builder, "If there are bedrooms upstairs you've got to have a bonus room." This flexible space can serve as a romper room, or a movie room depending on the age of the children.



In the "mud room" a full-sized, fully functional, built in desk is a good place to keep important information within easy reach.

Above the generously scaled kitchen island, hand-poured glass lamps in a root beer hue lend solid elegance to the space.

Hang your hat and call it home. This custom built property won Best of Show for a home less than 3,000 square feet in the 2010 Parade of Homes.

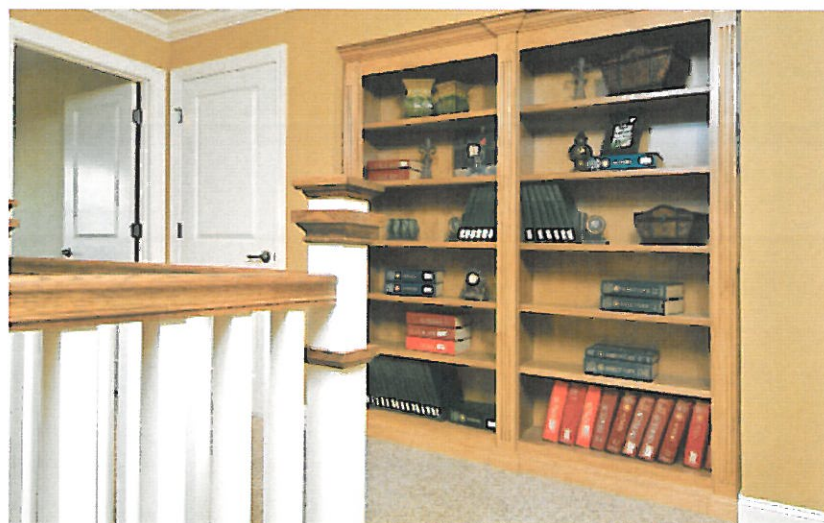


His informal polling and years of experience have allowed him to predict how well a floor plan will be received and taught him how to make adjustments as he goes. But he will also be the first to admit, "You can't please all the people all the time, but we are going to try our best."

A step outside the "box," along the curved entry path, down the driveway and into the street is the perfect jumping off point for a tour of the neighboring homes, most of which were also built by Gemini Homes. "Gemini built everything on this street except one house," he says. "And I promise that if you drive down the street, you can see how each home has its own unique character without clashing with the other homes." □

➤ Mixed metal furnishings and a silver comforter lend a contemporary motif to this extra bedroom or home office space.

➤ On the landing above the stairs, built in casegoods provide space for storage and display.



➤ A cozy sunlit corner in the children's bedroom offered the perfect excuse for a built in window seat.

➤➤ The master bath features a cultured marble finish called Granitex® on the double-vanity, a whirlpool tub, privacy panes in the window and a walk-in closet with plenty of space.

