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## Summer Dreamin'

The guys are working hard this summer. Enjoy this quick look at some of the dream projects that are keeping them busy.

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Remodeled Homes  
Fall Tour  
Sunday  
October 9, 2011

*We will showcase  
a beautiful whole  
house remodel.*

*The homeowners  
transformed their  
Cherokee home  
to maximize their  
gorgeous views.*

*Come see the  
clever spaces  
they created.*



**Basement**—A 1500 s.f., unfinished walk-out basement was transformed into a gorgeous entertainment area for the family. The remodel also included an office, storage, and guest room. A full bath features a sauna and a walk-in shower with unique decorative tile and a custom bench. The wet bar is highlighted by the glass tile, Corian countertops, cultured marble bar top, customized LED and cable lighting.



**Historic Kitchen**— This 1920's home remodel included a kitchen, office work area, mud room (with ample storage) and screened porch. Hardwood floors were finished throughout. Improvements included: windows, insulation, LED lighting, appliances, cabinets, granite countertop, tile back splash, glass pocket door with blue-touch technology and custom trim to match existing. The porch features bead board on the ceiling and walls with more custom trim.



**Screened Porch**— This phased remodel finished up with an elevated screened porch addition. Notable features include a vaulted, cedar bead board ceiling and full screens to allow for maximum view of Cherokee Marsh. A custom cedar and aluminum railing round out the custom look. Trex decking with screen mounted under the deck keeps the bugs out from below. Clever!



**Kitchen Update**—New life was pumped into the heart of this home. Beautifully appointed cherry custom cabinets have lots of storage. Sleek satin nickel pulls and stainless appliances add shine with black granite countertops anchoring the look. This tricky layout accommodates three entry points and a pass through. Smart kitchen design by Bella Domicile maximizes every nook and cranny.





### Captain's Corner

Some people have had trouble emailing Larry since our ISP switch last month. Here is a quick fix:

- 1) delete Larry's contact information from your email address book.
- 2) Enter a new contact for Larry with the email: [larry@tzofmadison.com](mailto:larry@tzofmadison.com)
- 3) Save new contact entry.

Yes. Larry's email is the same, but by deleting the old record, you are also deleting the old ISP identifier. The new entry will now be properly routed along the information highway.

Ah, technology! Woof!

## Lighting 1-2-3

Many of our customers are on the leading edge of some new lighting technology. We are seeing an increase in LED, cable and ambient lighting with dimmers. The LED fixtures are popular because they use less electricity and stay cool. In kitchens, this is a big plus when designing light for areas with tight spaces such as under cabinets or in custom shelving.

What ever type of lighting you choose for your home, to help make the most of the lighting, we turn to an

article in the June issue of Kitchen+BB e-newsletter. The article entitled Light Layering by Jeffrey Dross of Kichler Lighting gives a primer on how to successfully light a kitchen or bath.

According to the article, by applying three layers of light you can conquer the toughest of lighting challenges. The three layers are:

- 1) **Ambient/general lighting:** this is the foundational level upon which the other

layers are built.

- 2) **Task lighting:** aids in the performance of the task in the room.
- 3) **Accent/decorative lighting:** is the jewelry or "bling" that aesthetically finishes a room.

By considering these three elements you will be amazed at how beautifully lit and functional your space will be.

You can read the full article at [www.kbbonline.com/kbb/news-and-features/Light-Layering-2116.shtml](http://www.kbbonline.com/kbb/news-and-features/Light-Layering-2116.shtml).

## A Man and His Muskie

It has been a good summer so far. Not only is the Taff family garden bursting with berries and veggies, but Jesse caught himself a sweet Muskie!

Don't ask where he hooked this 44-inch beauty—suffice it to say, it was somewhere in Dane County. The Muskie was safely returned to its habitat after this photo was taken, so no worries, he's out there swimming about. No doubt getting needled by his friends for getting caught!



*From the Kitchen of Karen Z. Taff - Best. Bar. Snack. Ever. We do not lie! Enjoy!*

## Spinzels

- 32 oz. container of braided butter pretzels (Spinzels @ Menard's)
- 1 & 1/2 c. butter flavored popcorn oil
- 1 pkg dry ranch salad dressing
- 2 tsp dill weed (dried)
- 1 tsp garlic powder

Mix oil and seasonings together. Spread pretzels in a large shallow pan (turkey roaster). Pour oil mixture over pretzels. Stir on and off until all of the oil is absorbed. I left mine overnight.