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Black-and-white photos in matching white frames remind visitors that family is very important to Chad and Becky. Floral arrangements and plants are from Flowers by Usss. The light fixture was sourced at House Rules Design Shop and the dining table and chairs are from Smitty's Fine Furniture.



When Chad and Becky Weltz's daughter was 10 years old, she wrote a speech for school about having lived in many different homes – one for every year of her life. The one constant? Durham, where the family lives and their business is building homes. *Continued on page 39*



The inset tile detail by the front door is practical and stylish. Window coverings were found at Wilson Solutions. Barry Vaine Woodworking Ltd. was entrusted to craft the stairs and railings.

A family AFFAIR

ABOVE: When there is a moment to relax, Chad and Becky enjoy sitting on the covered front porch. Windows for the home were supplied by Golden Windows Limited and exterior stone is Hampton Norton from Shouldice Designer Stone. **RIGHT:** The custom design of the home is highlighted by the five peaks that comprise the roof (Young's Home Hardware) and the inviting, curved walkway to the front entrance. Hardscaping was completed by Hopkins Unlimited.





A trio of pendants from House Rules Design Shop hangs over the large kitchen island, topped with Calacatta Laza Quartz from The Old Barn. Plumbing for the home was completed by Pratt Plumbing and Heating.



ABOVE: Dinner prep for fresh spring asparagus alfredo is easy with the vast counter space the island provides. **RIGHT:** A stream of beloved family photos plays on the Samsung french-door refrigerator. Engineered hardwood from The Source Flooring adds a warm undertone to the white shaker-style custom cabinets by Barzotti Woodworking Ltd. **BELOW:** Sliding doors lead to the large rear deck. Seating at the island is convenient for homework or snacking.



Chad and Becky are partners in **Candue Homes**, launched by Becky's aunt and uncle, Susan and Don Tremble, more than 30 years ago. Candue is a Custom Home Builder that serves Grey-Bruce and Wellington counties.

This Candue home is Chad and Becky's fourth new build. They've always been hands-on with all of their homes, with Chad doing a lot of the work himself. Their daughter, now 13, and a son who's nine, have grown up on job sites. Becky has photos of her two babies in their snowsuits in the midst of a job site.

When the kids were younger, they would build little houses and forts with the material found on site. Sometimes, with parental supervision, they climbed the scaffolding. Each construction zone became their playground. *Continued on page 40*



LEFT: Dining on the covered rear deck can be enjoyed even if it is raining. Glass railings highlight the view to the forested area at the rear of the property. **ABOVE:** The mudroom has a shiplap accent wall with lots of hooks for outdoor gear, bench seating and baskets to keep smaller items contained. **BELOW:** A large comfortable sectional sits opposite the dining area on the rear deck. The matching firepit table adds ambience in the evening.



Becky's favourite part of any build is seeing it all come together. "I'm always so nervous through the build," she says. "I'm asking, 'Is it going to look like I imagined?' It's a gratifying process to take the small fabric, paint and flooring samples and see them on a grand scale in a finished space." Becky sourced the paint and décor items from [Farlow's Home Hardware](#). *Continued on page 43*



The dark grey paint of the inviting dining room cocoons guests who gather around the table. The paint was sourced at Farlow's Home Hardware.

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Patterns and soft neutral tones keep the mood serene in the living room. Windows overlook the rear garden. **OPPOSITE TOP LEFT:** The tile from Grey Bruce Brick surrounds the electric fireplace and has a profile that offers depth and visual interest. Open shelves are accented with décor items sourced at Temptations Gifts & Home Decor and Flowers by Uss.



In subdivisions built by Candue, each home is unique though cohesive to the look of the development. They change at least an element or two, whether the front entry or the pitch of the roof. It's all in the details. The one-of-a-kind nature of each home is important to Becky. She points out, "I love that it's not a standard stock plan." After all, Candue prides itself on building truly custom homes.

The Weltz family also takes pride in their community. Becky was born and raised in Durham, where Candue is based, and Chad is from nearby Ayton. The pair tries to keep their projects within a 30-minute radius to preserve a work-life balance and their time together, though they serve the whole county.

"I just love the small town, everyone knows everyone," she says. "That sense of community, and the opportunity to support it and breathe life into it as other families move to Grey-Bruce to make their own memories, are what it's all about." Their neighbour, **Scott Kuglin**, owner of **Kuglin Contracting**, installed the stone around the fireplace and helped with the insulation. *Continued on page 44*



ABOVE: The open-concept of the living room and kitchen is the heart of the home for the family. Trim throughout was installed by Eric Hopkins Limited. **LEFT:** Susan Tremble, Ava, Becky, Chad and Cole Weltz, and Don Tremble. The two families work together and enjoy downtime together when possible.



LEFT: A basket-weave tile inset resembling an area rug in the master bathroom is repeated in the shower. Tile was sourced at Cuneo Interiors Carpet One Floor & Home. Dingwall Electric installed the pendant over the vessel tub. **ABOVE:** A must-have for Becky was a second-floor laundry. With a busy family, the location makes laundry a breeze. **BELOW:** In the master bath, the large glass enclosed shower has multiple shower heads and tile that lines the walls and ceiling.

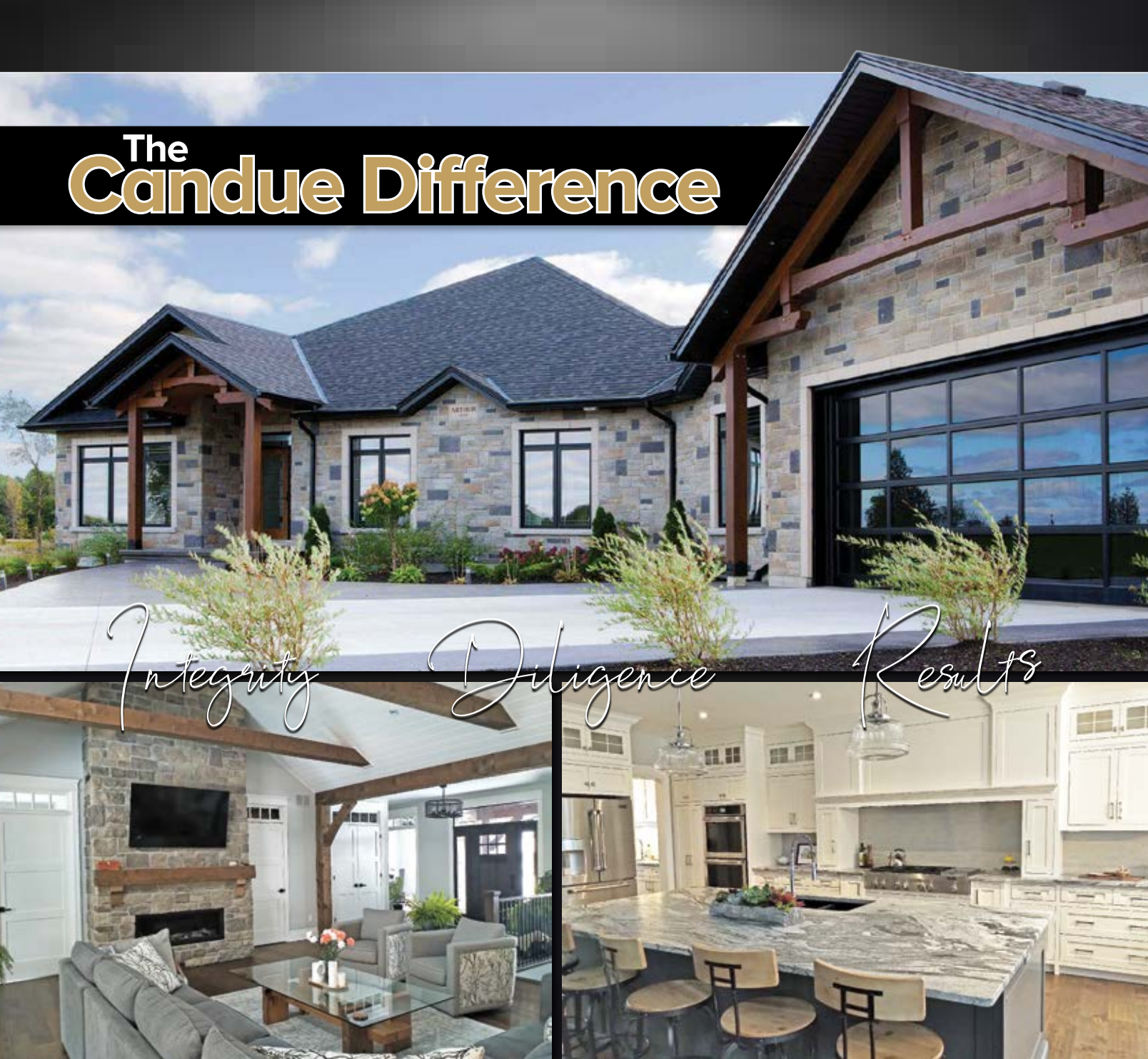


Chad and Becky spend a lot of time at the arena in the winter months, and hit the local trails all year round. Snowmobiling and four-wheeling are particular favourites.

Baseball is a staple come the summer months, as is time on the covered porch with its lounge area and outdoor dining space. The family is grateful to live in the perfect area to enjoy their favourite activities together.

Really, Becky notes, all of Candue is like one big family. Work becomes fun when you love the people you work with. She and Chad have learned a lot in their 13 years with the business but are quick to point out that there is always so much more to learn.

Built on the three pillars of integrity, diligence and results, each element of every Candue home is carefully thought out. Their motto is “The difference is in the details,” and it shows in every inch of the Wertz home. *Continued on page 46*



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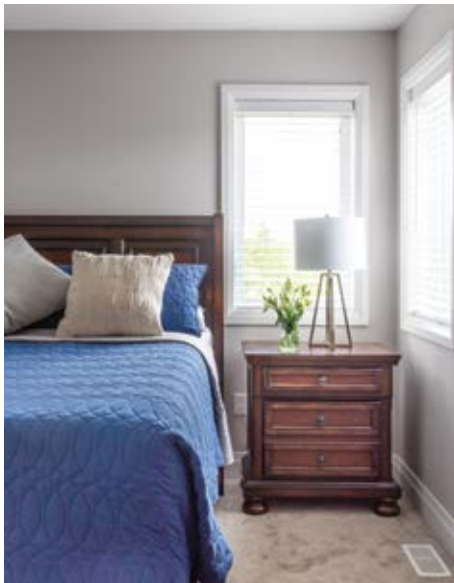
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Cole plays a video game in the lower-level family room. Carpet is from Sarmazian Brothers Flooring.



It's not just the carefully sourced furniture, tile and light fixtures, it's the black-and-white family photos that hang on the gallery wall behind the dining table and the personal touches (like the Nerf armoury) in the kids' rooms. These are the details that make a house a home.

The kitchen, which has a massive island with seating for the whole family, is the heart of the home. Light pours in, and in the neighbouring dining room, a sophisticated mood is set with dark grey walls. The home is poised to grow with the family, at least until they begin on their next project.

Candue will have a busy 2021 with a sold-out year. They have opened a new shop and office, and look forward to sharing more of Candue with the Grey-Bruce community. In the meantime, the Weltz family will be soaking up all that their home, and their area, have to offer. **OH**



TOP RIGHT: An office area on the upper level overlooks the front foyer. **ABOVE:** Carpeting in the master bedroom offers sound insulation and comfort. **LEFT:** A pegboard organizes Cole's Nerf armoury. Shelves display sporting awards.



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