

# ROOM REDO

*the reveal section*



Kathy and Gary Andersen walk into their living space during the reveal.

## Andersens wowed by Room Redo

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Kathy Andersen was in awe when she and her husband, Gary, walked into their living room last week.

The Andersens were the 2019 Ludington Daily News Room Redo recipients, and both were impressed with what they saw. Kathy did not even make it all the way into the room before stopping to take it all in.

"I never could have imagined," she said. "They did so much. I thought they were just doing the living room."

In fact, the Room Redo team of Dann and Julie VanDyke — owners of Cottage Works — along with Sue Von Pohl, Barb Erwin and Carmen Chapman, created a space that not only included the living room but also incorporated a dining area and a couple of sitting areas.

"Now we have a conversation nook in the back corner of the space which also balances the space," VanDyke said.

One of the biggest challenges for the team, according to VanDyke, was to make the leather couches that the Andersens' own look lighter.

VanDyke said when they were thinking about the space, which is wood-on-wood, and considering what Kathy and the team discussed during the on-site visit last month, she wanted a pop of color, because she thought the room was a bit dark.

"The room has a lot of wood — wood walls, wood furniture and leather couches. The space just needed to be lightened up," VanDyke said. "I had to use a lot of her existing furniture. She has a beautiful dining set and a bar set that had blue leather cushions, and so we decided to stick with that as the theme throughout the space."

Erwin said that green was added as the other accent color. The team brought in several botanicals, which added those little touches of green throughout the space.

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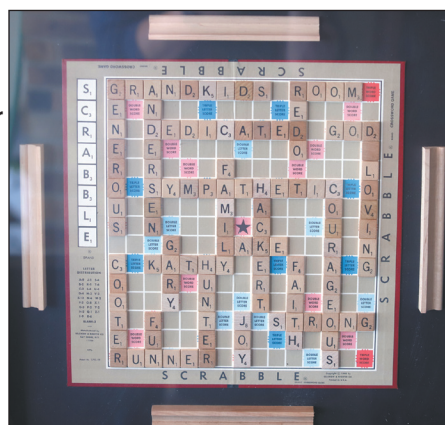
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Kathy Andersen takes it all in during the Ludington Daily News Room Redo reveal, which happened on Tuesday, March 5. Kathy and Gary live on Chilberg Road in Scottville.



Gary and Kathy Andersen look at family pictures that were rearranged and hung on the wall heading down to the basement. The Andersens painted the railing, changing the color from white to black, which was part of their Room Redo homework, and Barb Erwin distressed it. Also on the wall hangs a Scrabble Board project that designer Carmen Chapman created with words that both Gary and Kathy used to describe one another, like faith, family, Hackert (for the lake they live on) and grandkids.

Barb Erwin talks with Kathy during the reveal. Erwin is standing in front of the painting that she created for the Andersens' living space. Erwin will be creating paintings that will be for sale at Cottage Works, which will open for the season in early April.



One of the special projects created for the Andersens' living space.

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"By adding color on the floor through the use of colorful rugs and adding spaces, we wanted to make it all one big room," VanDyke said.

"We kept saying 'everything was brown.' We thought at first we would have to paint the walls, but once we decided to go with the blues and greens and stick with the leather furniture, the colors of the walls were fine; they were already light enough," VanDyke said.

The brick fireplace is a focal point in the living room, which had some creme color throughout, so the team decided to paint a downstairs railing, which was white, and make it black. VanDyke said that Kathy painted the railing as part of the Andersens' homework, and Erwin dressed the railing on Tuesday as the team was setting up the room. Dann VanDyke installed a wooden mantle on the brick fireplace on Tuesday. The wooden mantle was found and purchased at McDonald Farm Finds, and the rugs were purchased at Harbor Flooring, according to VanDyke.

"We did shop at the sponsors' stores," said Erwin.

Once all of the items were placed in the room and ready for the reveal, which took place on Tuesday, March 5, VanDyke said that the space felt balanced.

"I just love the color," Kathy said. "It all goes together now; it all blends and we have more conversation spaces to entertain."

Both Kathy and Gary said their favorite addition was the wooden mantle on the fireplace. Kathy added that her second favorite thing about the space was the color scheme.

"This is beyond everything I could have hoped for," she said.



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Kathy and Gary Andersen take a closer look at their new living space as Room Redo design team members, back row from left, Carmen Chapman, Barb Erwin and Sue Von Pohl, look on during the reveal on March 5.



The design team added this clock to the newly installed mantle.

Designers Sue Von Pohl and Barb Erwin talk with Kathy Andersen at another conversation space that was added to the room.

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The designers color theme for the room included both blue and green. Splashes of green were incorporated using greenery.

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The Andersens' living room space prior to the Room Redo.

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The living room after the Ludington Daily News Room Redo team did their make over with only \$2,500.

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The Andersens' overall room includes a living area and a dining area and a third sitting area where the family played games and worked on puzzles. The team transformed the space by adding color and making several conversation areas. Adding the large, colorful rugs made the rooms more cohesive, according to Julie VanDyke, who has led the design team for the past three years.

Von Pohl, Erwin and Chapman hang family photos during the Room Redo.



VanDyke adds a number of pillows to the Andersens' leather couch to help soften the look and add some much-needed color to the room.



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The Room Redo team of designers spent about eight hours working on the room and about a week sourcing material for the Andersens' space.



Several rugs were purchased to bring color to the space.



Material was purchased from a variety of businesses. For a list of the items purchased, see page 2.



Erwin and VanDyke help Dann VanDyke figure out the height of the wooden mantle.



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Plants were added to enhance the color scheme of the room, which was blue and green.

Once the materials were sourced they were stored at Cottage Works. Owners Julie and Dann VanDyke have been leading the design team for the Ludington Daily News Room Redo for the past three years. The design team consists of Barb Erwin, Sue Von Pohl and newcomer Carmen Chapmen.

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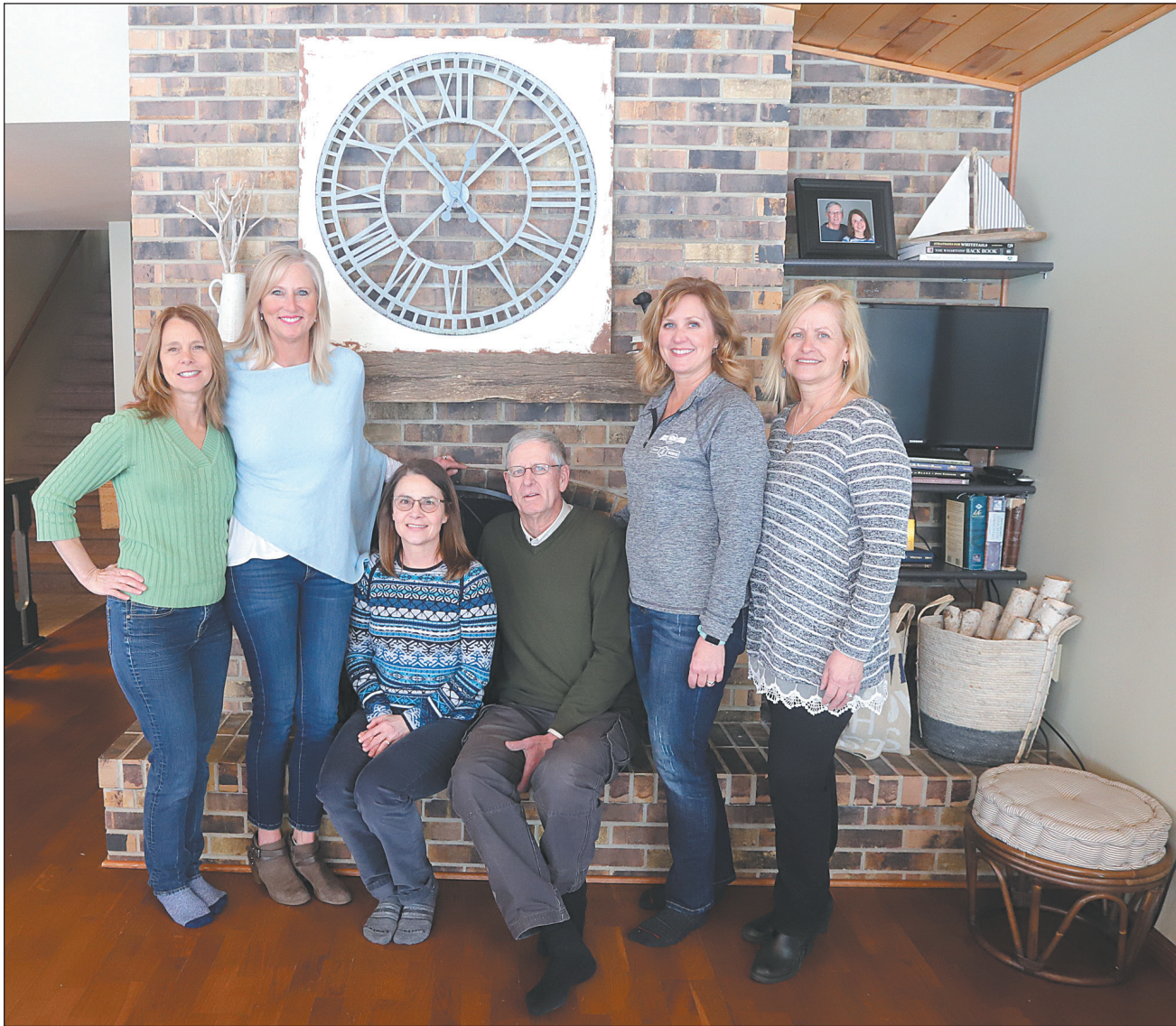
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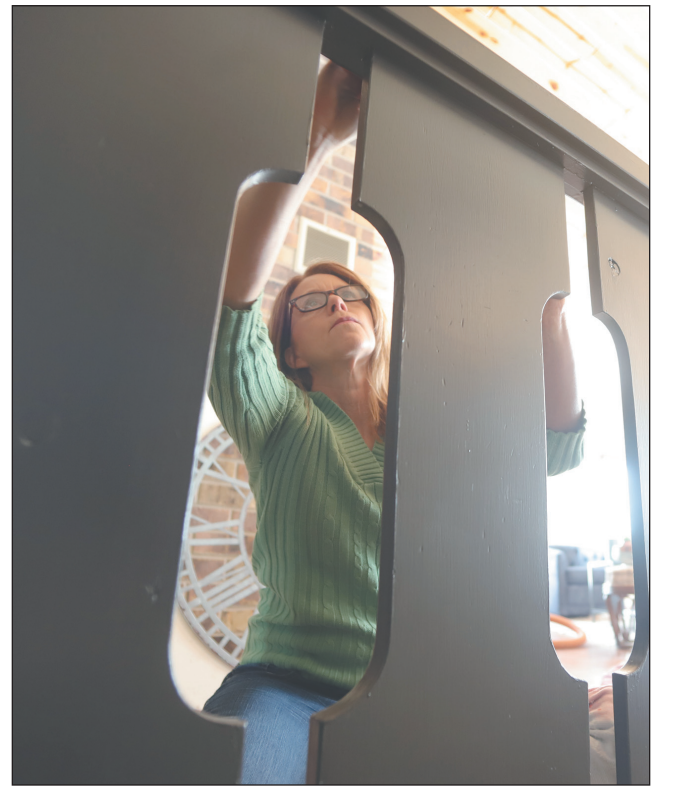
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Dann VanDyke drills holes into a piece of wood that the team sourced to be used as a mantel on the fireplace.



Sue Von Pohl places cushions onto the couch.

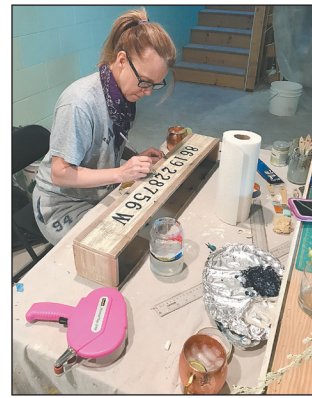


Barb Erwin distresses a railing in the Andersen

Kathy shares her excitement with the Room Redo members as she stops to look at every little detail of her new space during the reveal.



Barb Erwin paints the latitude and longitude numbers on a centerpiece created for the Andersens.



Barb Erwin works on a project for the Room Redo.



Dann VanDyke drills a hole into the brick wall.



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