

Breezy Does It

Lakeside Cape Cod as casual and spirited as the lake breeze

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When preparing their site, the Arnos realized that, without a sandy beach, there was no need to clear a spacious lawn and instead put a broad 25-foot-deep lakeside dock and simple walkway to the water, leaving as many pine trees as possible.



The Arnos opted for the ease of upkeep offered by wood-look laminate on the kitchen floor—at least until young sons Aaron and Anthony are older. The home's design allows Jennifer to be "connected" to the boys as they watch television in the living room and the cooks in the kitchen.

great depth and bright for interest. Instead, pine and oak hardwoods also take the modern edge off the colors. Glass doors on a corner cabinet give a view of the couple's pottery dishes. Jen's family lives in North Carolina, in an area well-served by pottery. These collections, regularly rotated for Jen's guests, have become white with dark, dark, or green wash. Chubby cast-iron and bronze by Dierckx Pottery, based in the foothills of the Tullahoma area, are both decorative and functional. The divided top windows of the family room are classic Cape Cod. On the coldest of winter days, these work-

ing windows take the blues, purples and grays from of water accents and make a great focal point. However, before the room with lights and gives the eyes a rest of a rest point. "One of the niceties is load-bearing. We made the others so they could be removed in case we ever get tired of them," says Jim. The pine breakfast room holds a walk-in closet that Jim gave as a birthday gift to Jennifer, who has been a member of the University of Minnesota since she was in high school. The apartment there is still in her name. A further surprise with a white painted room and all of the rooms. The house has three bedrooms on

the second story. Besides for the children are all but a clearly-colored palette. In Aaron's room, another the primary color on a book bed and bedspread. Anthony's room is decorated in the tones of Noah's Ark and has a delightful, Arched chair made of bent wood. The formal dining room built the multi-story dining room out of Jennifer's great-grandparents. It dates back to the 1970s and was originally purchased at Earmore's, a furniture store then in New York Mills and still in business in Perham. A further surprise with a white painted room and all of the rooms. The house has three bedrooms on

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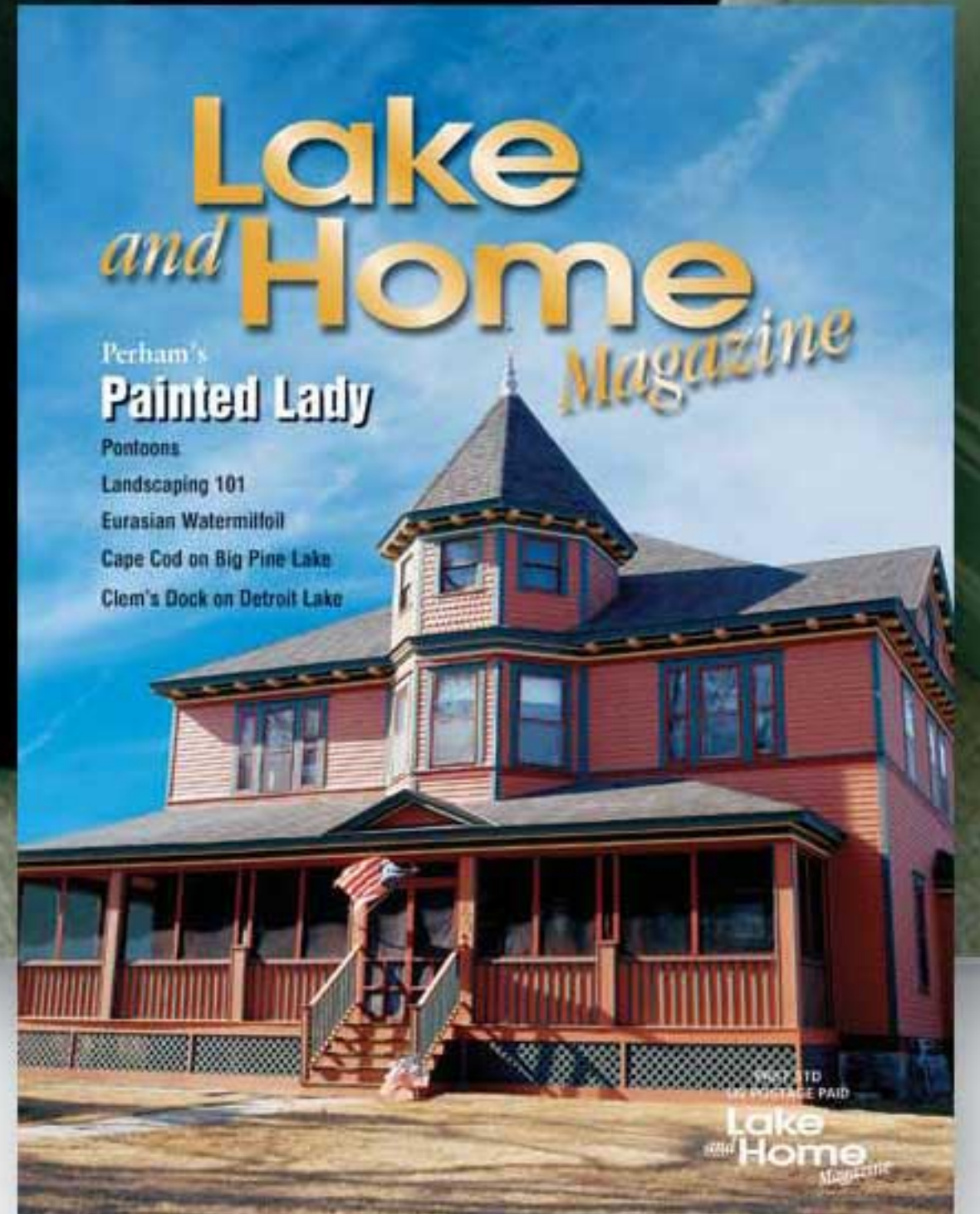
then around their home. While the Arnos had considered putting four bedrooms upstairs, their designers suggested reducing it to three and increasing the bedrooms to two. A recommendation the Arnos are thankful for. They had all of the work involved in their construction in high regard, including builder Dick Larson and son Chris and Mike. "I really felt we could trust the people we were working with and appreciated their suggestions," says Jennifer. As working parents, Jim as general manager of the Perham Enterprise and

New York Mills Herald and Jennifer as a consultant at Perham City Community College, the couple opted for low-maintenance exterior siding. Wood decks and siding on the lower level were chosen for frequent painting. A mud room and laundry room off the garage has been a lifesaver for cleanup when the young boys are out doing their chores in the dock area. Only recently did the couple find out that Jennifer's great-grandfather once owned the very property on which their house sits. Back then, it was the site of a farm, and Jennifer's dad remembers the planting of the pine trees as an interest-

ing wallpaper covers the walls. Big are in the shape of captain's wheels. And the stained wood glass inserts impart the feeling of a porch. A formal living room at the front of the house is finished with an alluring, deep-red wall, sage green walls and blue. The formal dining room built the multi-story dining room out of Jennifer's great-grandparents. It dates back to the 1970s and was originally purchased at Earmore's, a furniture store then in New York Mills and still in business in Perham. A further surprise with a white painted room and all of the rooms. The house has three bedrooms on

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