

# GREAT LAKE STORY

SHOWCASE PREVIEW



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ADVERTISING PARTNERS highlighted here are proud to conclude Michigan BLUE Magazine's premiere Great Lake Story with a photo feature showcasing Jim and Susan Buda's completed home at The Boardwalk in BLUE's Winter Issue 2010. To learn more about them now, visit their Web sites.

For more than 35 years, the Spring Lake team of **David C. Bos Homes** ([www.boshomes.com](http://www.boshomes.com)) has been specializing in designing, building and renovating waterfront homes. "Each site is unique and requires special care," said owner David C. Bos, whose array of experts visits each property, notes how to best maximize view lines and incorporates clients' ideas to create spaces that live beautifully.

"We fully believe the process is only as good as the people who make it happen, and this home — combined with everything Jim and Susan Buda brought to it themselves — is testament to that."

As principal of Grand Rapids-based **Visbeen Associates, Inc.** ([www.visbeen.biz](http://www.visbeen.biz)), architect Wayne Visbeen, AIA, IIDA has a passion for design creativity and excellence. While the award-winning firm provides architectural, planning and interior design services for master-planned communities and dozens of single- and multi-family

homes each year, each residential creation is an artful expression of details that function for and express the individuality of clients.

"Being able to put together what Jim and Susan wanted into a cohesive plan began first with putting them at ease," Visbeen shared, "and then, asking a lot of questions."

Formed from the merger of nine legacy lumber companies, **ProBuild** ([www.probuild.com](http://www.probuild.com)) is the nation's leading building material supplier to professional builders. Revolving around a "think nationally, act locally" business approach, ProBuild's commitment to local knowledge, experience, service and support is augmented by the large resource network and commodity buying power of ProBuild Holdings. The company supplied most core components for the Budas' Boardwalk home.

"For the most these components are not visible," noted Jack Wolohan, general manager of ProBuild Midwest in Marne, "but they provide the sturdy support for all the finishing details that make this exceptional home unique."

Since 1975, Grand Haven-based **Bekins Appliance Inc.** ([www.realcoolstore.com](http://www.realcoolstore.com)) has become a renown-

ed resource for high-end appliances, electronics, and personable team of Cedia-certified technicians.

"Jim and Susan love to cook, as do their children, so their new home has a beautiful kitchen with professional appliances from Subzero, Wolf, and Miele," shared owner Scott Bekins. "Not to waste sunsets, a Viking outdoor kitchen was also installed. But when the day is over, the family can unwind in their own dedicated theater — and lighting control has made exterior light management simple and automatic."

A second-generation family business, **Landscape Design Services** ([www.landscapeps.com](http://www.landscapeps.com)) has been serving the lakeshore and West Michigan for more than 40 years and specializes in custom design/build projects.

"Centered with a compass rose and lined with a brick border, a kitchen garden will provide fresh herbs," noted Jeremy Bakker, RLA and a firm principle. "And while a significant Michigan boulder wall provides structure for a large grade change alongside the home, Michigan flagstone steps wind a path through the boulders for guests to access the lakeside patio."

**Harold Zeigler BMW of Kalamazoo** ([www.haroldzeiglerbmw.com](http://www.haroldzeiglerbmw.com)) has been part of the Harold Zeigler Auto Group for 15 years. As a member of the



group, the full-service business has access to the largest pre-owned vehicle inventory in Western Michigan and offers a manufacturer-certified, Zeigler Gold Standard Certified Warranty, as well as new vehicles.

"The passion we feel for our work is matched only by that of the BMW community, to which the Budas belong," said owner Charlie Jeffery. "It's a great car experience that parallels what this family's great new home experience has been and will continue to be."

To learn more about Jim and Susan Buda's Great Lake Story, visit [www.mibluemag.com](http://www.mibluemag.com).