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# More Room for the Family

## Remodeled kitchen uses space from former laundry room

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Since Priscilla and Bruce Soden remodeled the kitchen in their 1968 shake shingle home in De-

Witt, it has become the center of activity.

"Before, no one ever sat out here," explained Priscilla, who noted how everyone gathered there for a recent christening party.

The original space was chopped in three — the U-shaped working area, which measured 10 feet by 11 feet; the eating area, which mea-

sured 8 feet by 11 feet; and the laundry room, which measured 8 feet by 7 feet.

The newly designed 26-foot-by-11-foot kitchen now has easy access to storage and appliances and an open traffic flow around the solid granite center island, with a wide overhang for a casual breakfast bar.

"I basically have to pivot

now on one foot," said Priscilla, describing how everything is within arm's reach in her cooking and baking center.

In the original kitchen, flat white plywood cabinets with red pulls formed a cramped U-shape, with a peninsula and overhead cabinets obstructing the traffic flow and view for the homeowners. A bulky refrigerator jutted into the main traffic area with the door opening awkwardly and nearly touching the cabinets across from it.

The Sodens worked with Cindy Horsman of Designs by Cindy to create a kitchen plan that would be both functional for cooking and entertaining and also accommodate their special storage needs. The custom red birch raised panel cabinets by Tedd Wood Custom Cabinets were installed by John Cifaratta of A Place Called Home. The remodeling contractor for the project was Bert Cook.

The aesthetic look of the kitchen was designed around the moss green and salmon pink granite countertop from Vallars Tile and Marble Co. Everything else worked with the granite, explained Horsman.

The designer revised the



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**PRISCILLA SODEN** poses in her remodeled kitchen. The house is in DeWitt.