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Fall into  
the Season



A 1940's home with a very contemporary and modern kitchen. (See story on page 2)

Stepping into a newly remodeled kitchen or family room can bring back the same feeling of excitement and joy most of us experienced as children. Remember the first pile of fall leaves your mom, dad or Grandpa raked together and the feeling of excitement as you waited for them to finish so you could jump into them. What a thrill!

The coming of Fall has long been one of the most beloved season changes. It heralds the arrival of apple picking, pumpkin carving and hay rides. The beauty of experiencing nature as the tree leaves turn from green to gold, to orange or to red has long been a treat for folks of all ages. As children, many of us collected leaves for school projects and, now as adults we enjoy a short drive through the countryside or a planned visit to Cades Cove, Tennessee just to enjoy their beauty.

Fall is also a time when many folks are eager to bring to completion their remodeling projects they have been thinking about all year. As the leaves change many folks begin to think of the projects they wanted to have done by Thanksgiving or Christmas. This is the time of year our thoughts truly turn to family and celebration.

What better way to greet the season than with a newly remodeled kitchen, family room or basement. These types of projects are family oriented and very popular this time of year. But whatever the season, or the reason, a newly completed remodeled room creates an excitement and joy when you first walk through the door that doesn't end in one day. We can't create the huge excitement and thrills as on Extreme Makeover by having a bus pull away and an entire new house appear, but we can create the same joy and excitement reminiscent of childhood and that first big pile of leaves.





## “THERE’S NO PLACE LIKE HOME”

There are many different reasons why people choose to do remodeling projects. Often, before doing a large project they think about moving, and drive around looking at

homes for sale in other communities.

What brings individuals and families the decision “there is no place like home” are their neighbors, good friends, schools and a love of their community.

The choice of the kitchen as one of the favorite rooms to remodel is obvious. Even with our busy lifestyles the kitchen is still the heart of the home. Two kitchen projects we recently completed were done for very different reasons but the results were the same.

The first homeowner had been renting her family home due to a job transfer out of state. She was excited to move back to her neighborhood and was looking forward to having the kitchen she had always



A small kitchen with lots of style.

wanted. With the help of our Production Manager, Brad Geer, who worked with her one-on-one, she was able to get the results she was looking for in a remodeled kitchen. The newly remodeled kitchen is small, but has lots of style.

The second kitchen remodel (see the front page of this newsletter) is actually a kitchen addition. These homeowners still have a 1940’s home, but now they also have a very contemporary and modern kitchen. The husband had always promised his wife a new kitchen. When they finally did it they did it right. They thought it through and made sure it had all the conveniences and luxuries they had always wanted.



## Beth’s Cambodia Experience

Hi my name is Beth and you may remember me as an intern for Fannin Remodeling during the summers of 2004 and 2005. During these years I worked in the

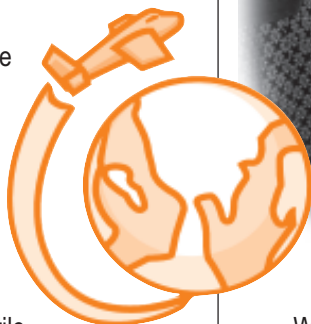
Airport office performing administrative duties.

The work I did with Fannin Remodeling gave me the experience needed to build a respectable resumé, earn college credits and expand my horizon.

In December 2005 I traveled across the globe to the third world country Cambodia, as part of a project I was working on for school. Along with a colleague of mine, I performed research in the textile industry to ultimately attract more businesses to the country.

I met with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO’s) about the current economic condition of Cambodia. Then my colleague and I were able to tour three garment factories.

I found that the women workers were only making twenty-five cents an hour! As we walked through with the businessmen who owned the factory, I had a better sense of what privileges I have as an American.



Watching the women work over a sewing machine for 10 hours a day for such a little pay inspired the two of us to act.

I originally worked with another business student to develop a marketing plan for the textile industry to attract more jobs to the area. However we realized that we instead needed to focus on empowering the women of Cambodia.

Together with the McMaster School division of Defiance College

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# Kurt's Korner

Hi! It's me, Kurt.

Last year my school did a "Mini-Course Day".

They sent home a flyer asking all Moms and Dads to share a special knowledge or skill with their children by offering to instruct a Mini-Course.

Mom and Dad got the whole Fannin Company involved and we built a lemonade stand. It was really neat! We even got our picture in the July 2006 of a national Remodeling Magazine.

This year our lemonade stand has an even more important use. One of the 5th grade boys at my school was diagnosed with Diabetes last year and his sister is in my class. So our school has decided to participate in the School Walk for Diabetes program this year. I am glad to be involved because my Grandma Gilbert, Uncle Tom and Uncle Glenn all have type II Diabetes. My Mom's family history puts Mom and me at a high risk for Diabetes someday.



Find the Cure

On November 3, 2006 my school is going to walk for Diabetes from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. My parents said they would come and walk too. Even my grandma said she might come. Our lemonade stand will be there serving refreshments for those who choose to participate.

My Dad and I are going out this week to gather contributions because Dad also thinks this is an important cause. If you would like to help find a cure for Diabetes by contributing to our School walk, please send your contribution made out to the American Diabetes Association. Send to Fannin Remodeling Co, Inc., 5128 Airport Hwy., Toledo, OH 43614.



## Beth's Cambodia Experience

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and the Southeast Asian Children's Mercy Fund, we are working to raise \$1,000 in order to purchase ten sewing machines.

Instead of donating money to women, I am working to provide a group of women the opportunity to work from her home and raise a family.

Equipped with an old fashioned treadle sewing machine, she can work as a seamstress for an independent tailor. She may work from her home, raise her children, and earn a respectable living.

In December 2006, I will be returning to Cambodia to purchase and deliver the sewing machines. The country of Cambodia is beautiful, but the experience made me realize how great I have it here in the states.

I'm proud to be from a country where I can choose my husband, my career, and my future. Cambodian women may not have such opportunities, but for the women who receive the sewing machines, their lives may be forever empowered.

Thank you for allowing me to share this incredible story with you. And thank you to Fannin Remodeling Company for graciously donating a sewing machine.

## Apple Crisp

- 4 cups apple slices, peeled
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup oats, rolled (raw)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/3 cup butter

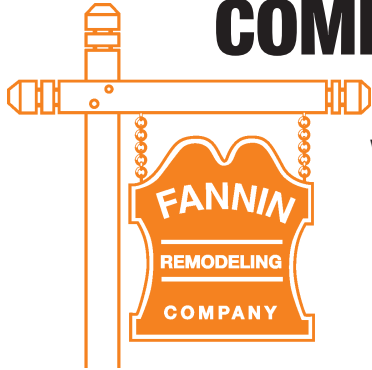


Put apples in shell baking dish and sprinkle with lemon juice. Combine dry ingredients, add melted butter and mix until crumbly. Sprinkle crumb mixture over apples. Bake at 375° F for 30 minutes or until apples are tender.

Makes 6 servings.

From the kitchen of Sharon Young

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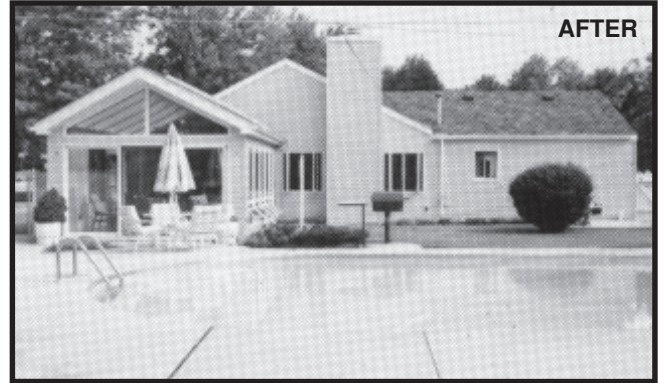


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