

Wheaton

Leader

PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Wheaton, IL
Permit No. 1188

Thursday
February 12, 2004

Volume 101 No. 44 E9

www.chicagosuburbannews.com

Glen Ellyn

News

Thursday
February 12, 2004

Volume 101 No. 44 E9

www.chicagosuburbannews.com

Business

Aventura, Inc. receives award for renovation

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry recently awarded Aventura Builders, Inc. of Glendale Heights with its Excellence Award for a whole house renovation project in Wheaton.

The goal of the owners was to live in a home that had a layout and the conveniences a new home. However, their house was 1,100 square feet and designed more than 60 years ago. The existing house did not have an eat-in kitchen, a dining room or even a bathroom on the first level.

The second level was limited to two small bedrooms and one bathroom. Because of the desire to stay in the same location, the owners decided to renovate. After the renovation, the house included four bedrooms with walk-in closets, one and one-half additional bathrooms, a first floor laundry room, a great room, a first floor office, and a large eat-in kitchen with a bay shaped dinette area.

Although there were many new features to the home, the owners wanted to make sure some of the original elements remained. This presented some real challenges with an existing bedroom and bathroom on the second floor.

Because the whole roof structure was completely removed, Aventura really had to be careful to protect those areas from the elements, according to Chris Donatelli, a principle with the company.

He said Aventura has a great demand for master suites with large closets and private bathrooms, eat-in kitchens and additional family gathering space. When the project is carefully thought out, the owner ends up with a more enjoyable, family friendly home, Donatelli added.

"The great thing in many cases, is that the owner also has additional equity when the project is complete because the value of the home is so much higher when it is brought up to today's buyers standards," he said.

Aventura Builders specializes in large-scale remodeling and renovation projects. For more information call (630) 351-8026.