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For Michael Gobart, homebuilding is all about creating a family legacy, for his own family and the families who buy his homes.

"My vision statement is 'We build the house. You make the home,'" said Gobart, who founded MG Legacy Custom Homes in January 2014.

"We construct new homes in which we would be happy to live. Because of my awareness of the vital role of the home in the life of the family, I want my homes to reflect and embrace quality craftsmanship for every family," he said.



Michael Gobart (with son Malachi) began MG Legacy Custom Homes to build homes for families like his and have a legacy to leave his sons. He builds in the La Vernia areas of Millers Crossing, Woodlands Subdivision, Eden Crossing, Legacy Ranch and Westfield Ranch. Gobart hand-selects all the design elements of his homes, from the masonry work to the upgraded granite, tile and fixtures.

Q&A with Michael Gobart

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■ WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF ABOUT MG LEGACY CUSTOM HOMES?

My desire for crafting homes began with the consideration: "What legacy will I leave my sons?"

Rooted in an enduring influence by my grandfather and mentorship from his son, my uncle, I developed a great appreciation for craftsmanship and having a strong work ethic.

This led me to the path of building homes for other families like mine. I want to build inspiring homes that are beautiful, with intelligent design, warm, inviting and conducive to strengthening relationships, and homes that facilitate each family's particular season of life.

Creating a business which meets the needs of families in our thriving South Texas region and provides clear opportunity for growth, as well as the inclusion of my children – these were among the greatest joys and aspirations as we launched MG Legacy Custom Homes.

■ WHAT SETS THE COMPANY APART FROM OTHER HOMEBUILDERS?

I am pleased to participate in the broader San Antonio building community, which is known for some of the best builders in the country. MG Legacy Custom Homes is a small company and a young company.

I am very enthusiastic about our vision for a family legacy and I am grateful for the reception our homes have received. I bear in mind that the house we are building today will be a family's home tomorrow, with its own legacy for the future within the walls that we have constructed. My hope is that the craft of each and every house will provide shelter, comfort and enjoyment to those who make it their family home.

■ WHAT ARE SOME FEATURES OF YOUR HOMES AND THE COMMUNITIES WHERE YOU BUILD?

My current focus remains in the beautiful rolling hills of Wilson County, specifically the La Vernia area—a comfortable distance from the San Antonio metropolis, yet convenient to its services, activities and opportunities. It is a close-knit community that welcomes newcomers into all it has to offer: peaceful, country, family-oriented living with upscale homes on treed acreage and modern amenities.

Currently, we have completed homes, homes under construction, and lot availability in the La Vernia areas of Millers Crossing, Woodlands Subdivision, Eden Crossing and Legacy Ranch, as well as the new community of Westfield Ranch. Each of my homes currently under construction is on one-plus acre.

I spend time with my men in each home as it is being crafted and, as often as possible, I include my 8-year-old son Malachi. I personally hand-select all the design elements of my homes, from the masonry work which composes the rock construction and includes exterior as well as interior features, such as rock entry arches and an extensive rock cooking surround, to the roofing shingles, the upgraded granite, all of the tile, the customized paint selections and fixtures.

Other distinctive embellishments include the unique ceiling treatments with rough-hewn cedar beams adding depth and warmth, accenting both outdoor spaces as well as soaring living, dining, bedroom and study ceilings. My homes also feature upgraded granite counters throughout the kitchen, bathrooms and utility room, and tile floors in every room. Many homes also offer an outdoor granite and rock kitchenette on the back patio.

■ WHAT IS NEW OR EXCITING ABOUT MG LEGACY CUSTOM HOMES AT THIS TIME?

La Vernia is rich in history, and the people here value their family ties and happily display historic Texas hospitality. This Wilson County topography is abundant with lush Texas wooded countryside, where wildlife frequently runs free. It is the perfect backdrop for my homes – situated among the heritage oaks, built with native stone, utilizing customized woodwork, with standard upgraded features often accented with materials from local artisans.

My goal is to craft homes modernly convenient while bringing the ambiance of rustic comfort and a hint of the mountain lodge. We begin this during lot selection, with an eye to each particular setting, and then the placement of the home to maximize ease of everyday enjoyment. The preservation of trees, the natural terrain and its complement to the aesthetic appeal of our homes makes the package complete.