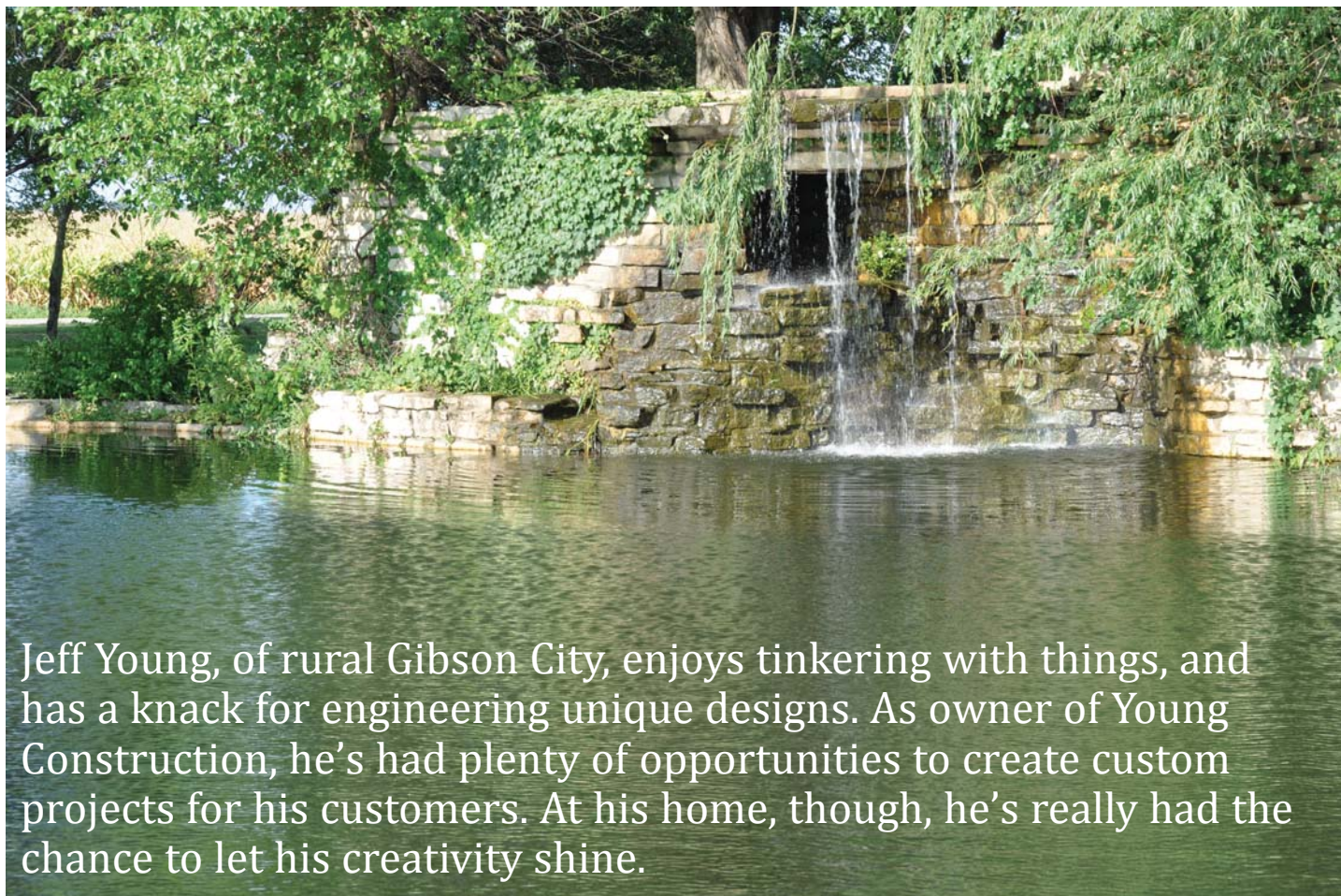


Eastern Illini member/owner spotlight



Jeff Young, of rural Gibson City, enjoys tinkering with things, and has a knack for engineering unique designs. As owner of Young Construction, he's had plenty of opportunities to create custom projects for his customers. At his home, though, he's really had the chance to let his creativity shine.

In 2000, Jeff and his wife, Kim, began construction on their dream home. Jeff noted "we had younger kids then, and so a pool was high on our list. It started fairly small, but my ideas kept growing, and so did the size of the pool." They ended up with a massive 12-foot deep oasis that includes a waterfall and a cliff-jumping area. The base of the pool is made from concrete.

When it came time to decide on the heating and cooling system for their new home, according to Jeff, the choice was easy. "When we looked at not only the up-front cost, but also the long-term operating costs, choosing a geothermal system made a lot of sense."

Since they already had the pool in the works, Jeff created a very unique open-loop geothermal system where the required water would be pumped in from a well, then put through the geothermal system, and then sent, via a man-made creek, to the pool. That also helped to heat the pool. "It really came together nicely. We needed warmer pool water, and we needed to have an output for the geothermal system water," Jeff said.

Once their kids grew up, they decided to convert the pool into a concrete pond. While it still gets used for swimming sometimes, it is now stocked with fish.

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