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Belton homeowners go for upsizing instead of downsizing

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When looking forward to building a home in which to spend retirement years, many empty nesters think about downsizing—and with good reason. They want less space to manage and maintain so they can spend time doing the other things they love to do. But John and Patsy Cooney aren't empty nesters, really, and they're not like many people. Their family just keeps on growing.

Their three children are all grown, and there are many grandchildren, too. The Cooneys have welcomed several foreign exchange students and their



◀ A lofty ceiling, immense windows, and an incredible chandelier make the great room gorgeous.

▲▲ John and Patsy Cooney sit near their custom fireplace.

▲ The stone-and-stucco exterior makes this home's entry simply stunning.