

# Living...

## From Construction Zone To Cozy Home



If you've ever redone a room in your house, you know how living in a home under construction can affect every part of your daily routine. Well, imagine completely renovating your entire house from top to bottom like Bill and Susie Boden of Tabor.

The Bodens moved into a small two bedroom one-bath house on the east edge of Tabor in 1998. In the summer of 1999, they began a major renovation project.

"The rooms were very small and the layout was choppy," Susie said.

The Bodens, with help from family and friends, did all the renovations themselves.

The family demolished and completed rebuilt the basement to include two bedrooms, a full bathroom, laundry room and a family room. They also built an addition connecting the original home to the newly-built, two-car garage.

While the main floor of the home was gutted and redesigned to allow for an open floor plan, the family of four lived in the refurbished basement.

"It was a little inconvenient," Susie said. "The stove and refrigerator were (in the addition) upstairs. We'd cook and bring everything down to the basement to eat."

Once the renovations were complete, it was well worth the wait as the once choppy, cramped main floor is now wide open and airy.

The main floor now features a large kitchen that leads to a dining area connected to the living room. Just off the kitchen is the master bedroom and another full bath.

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