

Yankton Tour Of Homes Slated Dec. 7

Five homes will be featured on the Yankton Area Arts Tour of Homes, to be held Sunday, Dec. 7, from 1-4 p.m.

Homes with rich histories, homes whose owners have poured their blood, sweat and tears into with improvements and renovations.

This year's tour features the festively decorated homes of Jeff and Jaci Benjamin, Mark and Cheryl Wenzlaff, Jerry and Jerry Webber, Don and Pam Kettering and Jay and Deb Roberts.

The Benjamin home, built in 2009, is a ranch style home with half circle archways that add character and charm to the home. When designing the home, the Benjamins gave their children creative license to design and decorate their own bedrooms! During the holidays, Jaci uses a snowy village city and houses given to her by her late mother. They will be found throughout the entire home.

The Wenzlaff home may have undergone one of the most unique transformations you'll see! Originally built as a parking and maintenance facility in the 1940s, it then housed a beer distributor before being leased by Wells Blue Bunny until 2006. There are many notable features of this home including the lack of a furnace. The owners currently have exposed trusses in the living area but are planning to install a ceiling there. The large beam in the living area is original and will remain exposed with the original appearance. Since there was no storage area, the owners designed a loft above the residential garage that finished as a walk in closet and storage. They also designed the ceiling in the bedroom and the see-through fireplace. The mast garage was designed with two car hoists. An additional bedroom/office area and full bath is built on the lifted area. The original garage is completely finished and can be used as a party room almost year round. Laurie Bailly has helped with the Christmas decorating which includes a Dickens' village in the kitchen.

Built in the 1870s, the Webber home was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2007. It is a charming English cottage designed in a vernacular style with Italianate architecture including brick walls, tall narrow windows with decorative window hoods and a low pitched roof. The current owners updated the parlor with a faux burnished brass ceiling. A special feature in the Webber's home is the piano which they inherited with the house! It was constructed circa 1905 and is elegant in its design as well as

intricate carvings. You'll take a step back in time with holiday decorations of candles, clove-studded oranges and Christmas trees strung with popcorn and cranberries.

For the past eleven years, the Ketterings have labored over their single story home with a loft and walk out basement. The homeowners have done much of the work in the house including the woodwork which Don milled and Pam stained and varnished. Don also designed and installed the hardwood floors made of quarter sawn oak, Brazilian cherry and black walnut while Pam laid the tiling. A Dickens' Village is displayed each year in the dining room during the holidays.

The historic Dewey-Danforth house, an Italianate structure built in 1873 and now the home to the Roberts family, has been through many updates and changes in its 141 year history. Among some of the exciting features included in this home are the custom wall unit in the upstairs office and murals in the family room and downstairs bedroom. Guests will enjoy the myriad of decorations like an old plastic Santa collection, a Nativity set made by Debbie's mother, painted windows in the dining room, a collection of cast iron banks, doorstops and figurines. And be sure to notice the quilt in the front bedroom made from curtains that came from an old movie theater.

Also included in the tour is a stop at the G.A.R. Gallery for a dessert reception and discount shopping at the Crimson Door Holiday Show. Uniquely handcrafted items by over 30 area artists will be available for purchase including art and photography prints, silver, leather, and beaded jewelry, silk, felted and woolen scarves, mittens, hats, sweaters, home and holiday decor and cards, books and CDs, glass, wood, pottery, and clay sculpture, honey products, candles, stationery products, soaps, wine and jewelry racks, doll clothes, pens, electronic accessories and so much more!

From inspiring home design and decor, to delicious desserts, to unique holiday shopping, Yankton Area Arts offers great variety and splendor this holiday season. Plus, all Tour of Homes proceeds fund arts education and community arts programming in Yankton. Tour of Homes tickets can be purchased from YAA Board members, online at www.YanktonAreaArts.org and at the following locations: YAA Office, Rexall Drug and Hy-Vee.

MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of December 1, 2014. Menus are subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk.

Yankton Elementary Schools

Monday — Corn dog
Tuesday — Shrimp Poppers
Wednesday — Taco In A Bag
Thursday — Chicken Burger
Friday — Pepperoni Pizza

Yankton Middle School

Monday — Stuffed Crust Pizza
Tuesday — Beef Sticks
Wednesday — Corn dog
Thursday — Chicken Burger
Friday — Meat Ball Sub

YHS A Line Menu

Monday — Chicken O's
Tuesday — Beef Stick
Wednesday — Philly Cheese
Thursday — Lasagna
Friday — Chili

YHS B Line Menu

Monday — Cheese Pizza
Tuesday — Tuna Casserole
Wednesday — Baked Potato
Thursday — Vegetable Soup
Friday — Pulled Pork Sandwich

YHS C Line Menu

Monday — Meatball Sub
Tuesday — Chicken Burger
Wednesday — French Bread Pizza
Thursday — Hot Ham & Cheese
Friday — Walking Taco

Sacred Heart Schools

Monday — French Toast Sticks
Tuesday — Ham & Cheese
Wednesday — Chicken Strips
Thursday — Teriyaki Chicken
Friday — Cheese Pizza

The Center/Yankton

Monday — N/A
Tuesday — N/A
Wednesday — N/A
Thursday — N/A
Friday — N/A

Tabor Senior Citizens Center

Monday — N/A
Tuesday — N/A
Wednesday — N/A
Thursday — N/A
Friday — N/A

Car Talk

'Nuisance' Safety Procedure Does Have A Real Purpose

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI
King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Dear Car Talk:

While on a recent business trip with a bunch of fellow engineers, the battery in my 2010 Toyota Highlander with a keyless-start system went dead. Of course, we blamed it on the youngest member of the team, whom we had forced to do the long drive that day. But the reality is that the battery was four years old, and it just died. Luckily, we found a helpful engineer from Boeing who happened to be parked near us — an electrical-power expert, too! He jumped the car for us for about five minutes and got the basic lights and beeps working again, but the car would not start. The green "ready" button was lit up for the push-button starter, but no response. So after checking all the stuff we could think of, we got the owner's manual out and handed it to the rocket scientist on the team. In time, the rocket scientist found the problem. In order to start the car after jumping it, one has to open and close the driver's door with the ignition off! Bingo — it worked. Why have such a nuisance



Ray
MAGLIOZZI

communicates with the keyless ignition system.

With a push-button start system, the car and the smart key have to talk to each other. Before starting the car, the computer asks, "Are you there, key?" And the key responds: "Yo, dude, it's me. We're good."

But the computer doesn't know to look for the key unless the driver's door is opened and closed. That's its signal to check for the presence of the correct smart key. Otherwise, it doesn't even ask.

safety procedure? Most folks would have headed for the tow truck or dealer before figuring it out. Please comment! —

Steven

Outsmarted by a car. Welcome to my world, Steven.

And since the battery died when the door was closed, and then you opened the door while the battery was still dead, the computer never got the (open door/closed door) signal to check for the presence of the key.

But congratulations on saving yourself time and money by reading the owner's manual and solving the problem. Resorting to the owner's manual is atypical male behavior, Steven. It's a humiliation greater than even asking for directions! I'm both proud and ashamed of you.

It's NEVER cheaper in the long run to buy a new car. Want proof? Order Click and Clack's pamphlet "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

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Keeping A Family Together

Moving can be difficult. The unexpected often happens.

When Eric and Erin Mead moved from Wasilla, Alaska to Yankton in May 2011, they had high hopes of finding a job; a place to live and a school for their young daughters, Madison and Kylie.

Instead the young parents found themselves homeless, sick and in need of help.

While living in Alaska, Eric received treatment for ADHD. He was referred to Family Support 360, a program offered through the South Dakota Department of Human Services for assistance.

Chad Hindberg, with Family Support 360, also assisted Eric with his unemployment application. When his request was denied, Hindberg contacted Krista Kelley, with Independent Living Choices in Yankton. The nonprofit agency has been opening doors for people with disabilities since 1982.

"My first meeting with Eric was on Aug. 10. The following week, we started working on his appeal. We are still awaiting a decision," she said.

Eric had worked at several jobs since moving to Yankton. He had difficulty doing manual labor because of severe back problems.

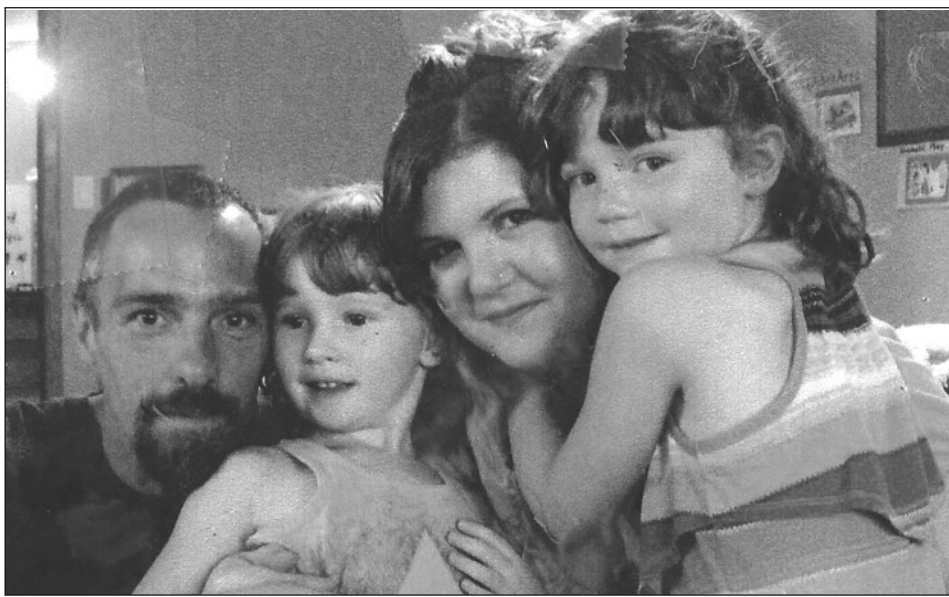
When he was working, the family lived in a motel. "We ate microwave prepared food. Before that, we lived in a homeless shelter," his wife said.

Eric had previous back surgery. He was in need of another surgery for a cracked vertebrae and a herniated disc.

With the help of TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) program, he had back surgery at Lewis Clark Specialty Hospital in September.

"I want to work. As soon as my doctor says I can lift more than 25 pounds, I am going to start looking for a job. I am willing to learn. I just need a chance to prove myself," Eric said.

His wife, Erin is also in



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pictured is the Mead family who moved to Yankton from Alaska in 2011.

need of surgery. She has a herniated disc, a bone spur in her neck, advanced arthritis and spinal stenosis. In spite of her physical problems, she said, "I would like to have a part time job. I like customer service and have retail experience."

"Erin requested my assistance in applying for SSL. We filed the necessary paper work and are waiting for a response," Kelley said.

"I believe things will get better. I have faith in God that he will take care of us," Erin said.

A NEW START

"Krista has been unbelievable. She has opened doors for us that we were unable to open," Erin said.

Kelley contacted a representative of Oakleaf Property Management to recommend the Meade as tenants for one of their apartments.

The family went from homeless to a spacious two story apartment. "We love it. Krista is an angel," Erin said.

Based on income guidelines, the couple qualified for financial assistance from HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development). Rent for their two bedroom apartment

is \$81 a month. The family receives Food Stamps and has applied for Energy Assistance.

"We are getting to know our neighbors," Eric said.

"When we get settled, I want to look into the Peer Support group, Krista told us about," Erin said.

"ILC is a consumer driven agency," said Vicki Kerkvliet, Director of ILC services. "The choice to participate in Peer Support is up to the individuals. Participation can be in person; over the phone or by email," Kerkvliet said.

The Peer Support group is an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to gain understanding from others who have gone through similar life experiences. Participants learn how to live as independently as possible and to utilize community resources.

ILC Peer Support group meetings are held every Thursday, from 1 to 2 (except the third Thursday of the

month) in their office at 610 West 23rd Street, Suite 11 or at Marne Creek Apartments, 610 W. 21st Yankton.

Kelley leads the Peer Support meetings. The IL Specialist is a graduate of Mount Marty College with a degree in Human Services with minors in Psychology and Sociology. "I began working for Independent Living Choices two weeks after graduating from MMC in 2008," she said.

ILC IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

"Our mission is opening doors for people with disabilities. People wishing to assist in our mission, may make a donation. All donations will be used to provide services and support in ILC's 43 county service area," said Matt Cain, Executive Director.

Donations may be mailed to: Independent Living Choices, 4107 S. Carnegie Circle, Sioux Falls, SD 57106.

We invite you and your family to join us for a time of sharing as we remember our children who have died.

Thursday,

Dec. 4, 2014

7:00pm

**Avera Sacred Heart
Hospital Lobby**

The evening will include special readings, singing, a candle lighting ceremony and decorating of the SHARE memory tree.

You may bring a special ornament with the date and child's name on it to hang in memory of your child, or you may use one of the ornaments that will be available that evening.

Ornaments placed on the tree in previous years have been saved and will be available to use again this year.

Please bring unbreakable ornaments so that they will be preserved for many years to use on our memory tree.

*In Memory
Of Our
Children*
SHARE
Candlelight
Memorial
Service

*A evening
of hope
and healing.*

The SHARE memory tree will remain in the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Lobby throughout the Christmas season in remembrance of the gift of our children.

Refreshments and a time for sharing with others will follow the candlelight ceremony.

*This special program is
sponsored by the Avera Sacred
Heart Pastoral Care Department.*

Avera
Sacred Heart Hospital

Thank You...

We would like to extend our grateful thanks and appreciation to our family for planning and hosting a terrific 50th anniversary party. Thank you to all our relatives and friends that attended our celebration. We also send thanks for all the gifts, good wishes and for the many cards that we received. It was a memorable day and you will always be thought of in a very special way.

God Bless each of you.

Leon & Marlene Becker

21st Annual Christmas

Coffee & Bake Sale

"A Country Christmas"

Saturday, Dec. 6th, 2014

United Church of Christ (Congregational)

5th & Walnut • Yankton, SD

Homemade Pie & Coffee Served

1:00 p.m. - Shop for wonderful baked goodies, snacks, canned goods, pies, cakes, cookies, candy, jams, kuchen & kolaches

**Every guest takes home a
Christmas ornament!**

Everyone Welcome!