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Corey and Jennifer Tellinghuisen



Dallas and Deb Laube



Mark and Christina Kannegieter



Wayne and Sherrie Tellinghuisen

Five homes to be toured at Willow Lake, Dec. 15

Among the many activities going on in the town of Willow Lake on Saturday, December 15, (Santa Claus day), is the Willow Lake Day-care's Tour of Homes. Taking place in the morning hours of 8:00 a.m. to noon, one will be able to go through and tour five country homes, at leisure. Two are along US Highway 25, one is just north of Bryant and two are a few miles west of Willow Lake.

Tony and Lucy Vandersnick
From Willow Lake, the directions to the Vandersnick house are four miles east, three north on Highway 25 to 187th Street then one mile east and the light tan house is on the corner. Go to the second (south) driveway and come in that door for the tour. This one story house with a basement is done in tan and brown colors. "It's a kid friendly house" says Lucy and both of her children have a Christmas tree in their bedrooms with mostly tractors on her son's tree. There will be four trees total to view in the three bedroom home with an attached garage. There is a ten foot ceiling in the living room and a hearth stove/fireplace and a four seasons room off to the south.

Inheriting a couple peacocks from the former owners, Larry and

Janell Little, one Christmas tree in the basement will be sporting peacock feathers. The house was built in 2001 and the Vandersnicks moved into it on April 1.

Corey and Jennifer Tellinghuisen
While on Highway 25, a mile and a half south of the SD Highway 28 and Highway 25 junction is the new home of Corey and Jennifer Tellinghuisen on the east side of the road with 10 large silver grain bins at their farm site. At the end of a long winding driveway - is the stately two story home that was built in 2010. It has an open floor plan on the main floor and a lot of earth tones are used throughout the house. There is a fireplace in the living room and a lot of unique concrete floors throughout the house. With no basement, the utility room is on the main floor. Her kitchen is done in the color red and their one year old daughter's room will also be open for viewing.

Dallas and Deb Laube
Heading on to Bryant, coming in from the west, one would turn left or north on Broadway Street in between the Catholic Church and the swimming pool and go three fourths

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Retailers looking for a good holiday season

With roughly 18 shopping days left until Christmas, area merchants are thinking sales are on pace to equal last year. This is the second consecutive early December where temperatures have been quite a bit above normal, with no snow on the ground.

Usually with nice weekend weather the regional centers get shoppers from everywhere. Local retailers are looking for a good holiday season in the remaining days until Christmas and most comments have been favorable and positive concerning buying locally.

Melanie Smith, Clark Flower & Gift Shop said, "Everyone seems to be getting into the Christmas spirit. Our open house went over very well," and co-owner Linda Seefeldt

concluded. Their 35 days of Christmas promotion, in honor of their 35th anniversary, is going over well, they said. South Dakota Care Packages, poinsettias, jewelry and Christmas decorations are items that stand out as being customer favorites, Smith and Seefeldt added. Melanie closed the conversation with, "Doing what we do where we do it means that we know what people want and we keep a record from

year to year."

Pam Dekker, celebrating her third Christmas season said the store has seen some holiday traffic and she said her sale went over well on Thanksgiving weekend. Hot Christmas items at Dekker Hardware have been tools for dad and gloves, mittens, shovels and ice melt," said the hardware store proprietor.

An annual survey is conducted by the South Dakota Retailers Association. The group says that according to their informal poll, South Dakota will likely mirror national predictions for modest sales gains over last year. According to comments jotted on the survey, business owners are also tired of the constant drumbeat of negative news and feel that it's time to start singing a happier tune.

Overall, says SDRA executive director Shawn Lyons, 35 percent of the retailers who responded to the survey are anticipating sales to be

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Chamber Open House is December 15

The Clark Chamber of Commerce is hosting an open house from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 15 at the American Legion Hall.

Santa will be there from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. and goodies and drawings will take place at that time. Free bingo and refreshments will also be provided.

Trip to Israel is trip of a lifetime for Petersens

A trip of a lifetime. That is how Clark Assembly of God, Rev. Kevin and Tina Petersen described their recent trip to Israel.

This trip to the Holy Land was made possible by the Assembly of God Church, both on the district level and the local level.

"The South Dakota Assembly of God district superintendent was the inspiration behind this trip to Israel, as he had gone and was especially touched," said Petersen.

The Assembly of God minister carried out that thought of why a trip to Israel is such an eye opener, explaining the importance of experiencing biblical sights as well as experiencing the cultural and literary truth of what was written in the Bible.

"Into English, there never is a perfect translation, and added to that the writers of the Bible were writing to a people who understood the culture. We don't understand the culture and because of this the trip was very educational, learning experience."

Petersen gave the example of 'Love thy neighbor as thyself' which in Hebrew is "Love your neighbor who is like yourself".

"Some words are lost in translation because of language and culture and having that knowledge of first hand experience really adds depth to what God meant, that we're all created in this image - and it even includes one's enemies."

Surreal trip
Last Sunday, Rev. Petersen and Tina gave a slide presentation of their trip to Israel and at that time the minister thanked the Clark



Rev. Kevin and Tina Petersen are on a hill in Israel overlooking the Jordan River and the Sea of Galilee. "This was pretty amazing," said Tina and they both would love to go back to the 'Holy Land'.

"Part of me was disturbed, while at the same time, another part of me was extremely thrilled," said the Assembly of God minister. "On the disturbing side - just because I understand my English Bible, it does not mean I understand the original intent of the writer. I'm going to be more diligent to make sure I know

the original intent of the writing." Petersen continued on the other side, in which he was thrilled, commenting, "To see that wilderness (defined as uninhabited pasture land) in which John the Baptist lived and to sit on a hillside and re-

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New student bodies at CHS?

Kristin Janisch's Art I class surprised fellow students at Clark High School last Monday with an Art Attack, setting up their recent sculpture projects in various school settings. After learning about the sculpture casting of George Segal (he created the bread line and rural farm couple in the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, DC), students created their own, learning about form, proportion, team work and problem solving.

Can you guess what they used? Instead of bronze, students were wrapped up in the project using a nontraditional medium and a favorite of Washington, DC - based street artist Mark Jenkins - clear packing tape.

At left, Clark High School Art I students Nicole Luttrell and Clarissa Daniels tape Hannah Gruenwald's arms to finish the torso of their sculpture for the "Art Attack".



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