



The home of Verla Gyrsch is decorated in both new and old styles. One piece of furniture that has stayed with them over the years is a dresser (above) that Verla repainted, which is one of her hobbies. A new feature of their home is the built-in television hutch (below) that has the added features of sliding out and swiveling as was demonstrated by Tony.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

Couple opens home for annual tour

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ver, which is still in the process of being completed, there will be two guest rooms, a full bathroom, family room and space for storage. The home is totally electric and has a heat pump for energy efficiency.

"The great room is my favorite," said Verla. "It was the one room I had a vision of what we thought we'd end up with, what we wanted, what I wanted."

She said the colors and accessories in the room are what make it unique for her. Large windows on the north wall of the great room provide a wonderful view year-round and lets in lots of light, she said. Built-in cabinets that pull out and swivel allow access to the television. There are also shelves for books and a fireplace.

Off of the great room is a computer nook that is concealed by louvered doors. Originally, the plans called for the space to be a wet bar, but they expanded the space and changed it into the computer nook. Now, she said, she is able to work on the computer and still be in the same area with Tony when he is watching television or cooking.

Because he likes to cook, Tony's favorite room is the kitchen with its full depth drawers and pull out shelves. The kitchen has maple cabinets finished in a natural tone with a rope pattern that Tony found. The chocolate glaze brings out the rope pattern and ties in with the dark laminate floor in the great room, said Verla. They have stainless steel appliances and a two-level bar that will



seat four, which is open to the great room.

The great room also opens onto the covered deck, which is made from a composite material that requires no maintenance. Tony had the deck expanded to include a small, uncovered area for his grill. The view, said Verla, is what they really like. She said they sit on the deck in the evening when it's cooler and just enjoy the view of town.

The Gyrschs had their home built for them by Daffer Construction after they moved here in March of 2006. They came from Kansas City and felt that they should be here when construction started, that way they could make any necessary decisions or deal with any problems in person.

"I think we chose the right person to build our home," said Tony. "J.D. Daffer and Mike Campbell really went the extra mile for us. They added a few of their own touches, like a light over the grill and the pull out, swivel shelf for the TV."

"They did a fantastic job," said Verla, "and made our wish list into a reality."

The Gyrsch home is decorated with a mixture of new and old. They've added new furniture and

accessories, that have mainly come from local stores, but also have family pieces that they've had for many years. Verla said the dining room is decorated with several pieces Tony's father brought back from China in the 1930s. They also decorated in Mediterranean and traditional styles.

"I will take absolutely zero credit for decorating," said Tony. "I didn't know what Verla was doing sometimes, but she kept telling me, 'just wait, I have a vision' and it turned out great."

When they aren't enjoying their home, Verla is working part time at the Norton County Economic Development office and Tony is working on building a car wash in downtown Norton. They don't have children, but they do have two cats, which they consider their children.

Make sure to stop by the Gyrsch's home on Sunday, Sept. 23 between 2 and 4 p.m. during the Homes Tour. Other homes on the tour will be those of Lee and Kathy Hardy and Burton and Lois Schrum. Arts council memberships will be offered at all three homes, while the Schrum's home will also offer refreshments.

Condition of Norton fall victim noted

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also bruised in the fall.

She said her family has received several cards and letters from friends. She said, "We really appreciate all the cards." Mr. Rudolph has been moved to

a different room. Mail will reach him at Good Samaritan Hospital, Intensive Care Unit Room 6206, 10 E. 31st St., Kearney, Neb. 68847-2918.

Pick-em contest in today's paper

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Fans are asked to bring their entries each week to *The Telegram* office by 5 p.m. on Friday. Of course, those who mail their entries to *The Telegram* at 215 South Kansas must make sure they are

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Voters have many candidates to choose from

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Because there are numerous polls being taken all over the country, *The Norton Telegram* has decided to conduct one of their own, probably the most unscientific of them all. This newspaper conducted a poll with a good response during the last Kansas gubernatorial race.

The first results of our little straw poll, released on June 22, showed former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo getting votes — 2, 1 and 1 respectively.

For the Democrats, Sen. Barack Obama and former Sen. John Edwards each polled 1.

Since then the candidates have been featured in several televised debates and consequently the in-

terest has started to pick up.

Locally, on the Republican side, Giuliani scored 4 votes, Romney and Mike Huckabee, former Arkansas governor, 3 each, Sen. John McCain and Sen. Sam Brownback 2 apiece and former Sen. Fred Thompson 1.

On the Democrat side, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton picked up 4 votes, Obama 2, Gov. Bill Richardson, New Mexico, 3 and Sen. Joe Biden 1.

Overall, including the June 22 results, here's how it looks:

GOP — Giuliani 6, Romney 4, Huckabee 3, McCain and Brownback 2 each and Tancredo and Thompson 1 each. DEMS — Clinton 4, Obama and Richardson 3 each, and Edwards and Biden 1 each.

So, Giuliani and Clinton are leading their respective parties, with Giuliani the frontrunner overall.

The Telegram has asked respon-

dents to include a brief comment if they desire. Some did, most didn't. Names won't be published to encourage more input.

The latest results included the following comments:

"Don't be afraid to elect a woman...Hillary has the political history and knowledge and guts to lead this country..."

"Give me Fred."

"All polls are slanted. Is this one?"

"Rudy's values differ from mine, but we share something in common, we are both Republicans. Go Rudy!"

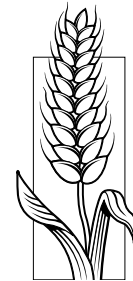
"None of them. Period!"

Send your response to "Tell Us 2008," c/o *The Norton Telegram*, 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton, Kan. 67654; e-mail tom@nwkansas.com, drop your poll off at the office, or give us a call at either 877-3361 or 877-6908.

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