



# Living...

When warehouses go up for sale in Yankton they usually sit empty or are bought by companies who utilize the space for storage. They normally do not become trendy downtown homes, but that is exactly what happened when the Wenzlaffs bought the empty Wells Blue Bunny warehouse at 101 Douglas Ave.

"My husband, Mark, owns Yankton Automotive up the street," said homeowner Cheryl Wenzlaff, "When this building came up for sale he wanted to buy it but we didn't know what we were going to do with it."

work area for Rod's Cabinets on the southwest side of the building. "We have always wanted to live downtown," Cheryl said. "When we bought the building we owned a home on Green Street and it just happened that a realtor called and asked if we wanted to sell our house. We decided to go for it and make the warehouse into a home."

The Wenzlaffs sold their house and moved into temporary housing for 11 months while they worked on the design plans and renovation of the warehouse into a one bedroom home. They moved into their dream home about 9 months ago and have been enjoying life on the river in the downtown area since.

"It's just beautiful," Cheryl said. "I can prop my pillow up and watch the boats on the river from my bed."

Turning a warehouse into a livable home was a monumental project but Cheryl said they just worked on one dilemma at a time.

"When we removed the freezer then we had to cut the concrete floor down to normal," she said. "Then we had the issue with storage and a utility area because we don't have a basement for that type of stuff."

The couple ultimately built a loft over a portion of the building to house utility lines and storage.

The north side of the building has three large garage doors that lead to Mark's personal shop and there is a one-car garage that Cheryl uses for her vehicle and as a party area. Cheryl, who works from home, has a private office area with an off-street entrance



The building housed a large room-sized freezer used to store ice cream on the southwest side of the building, storage on the north side and an office and

