



Family enjoys renovated basement

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Mike and Ruth Senneff have lived alone in the three-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath home in Bettendorf for years, but when their two grown children visit with their families, things used to get a little crowded.

The home, built in 1999, had a partially finished basement, but the space was cramped.

Almost since purchasing the home in 2002, the couple has toyed with the idea of adding to the space. When a flier came in the mail from Carr Construction, the Senneffs hung on to it until February when they put a plan into action that led to increased living space.

In addition to 300 square feet added to the family room, the Senneffs also have a brand-new bathroom (complete with shower door and mirror from Steve's Mirror and Glass) downstairs as well as a large-screen TV and surround-sound system, installed by Automated Lifestyles of Bettendorf.

The work was completed just in time for Ruth, a Bettendorf Middle School teacher, to enjoy her summer off with the couple's seven young grandchildren. Though Mike, who works for Deere and Co., does not have the summer off, he looks forward to



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Ruth and Mike Senneff love hanging out with their grandchildren in the remodeled basement.

spending time at his desk in the new space.

Ruth Senneff

Q: What made you decide on the

addition?

A: We wanted to get the room larger so that we had room for our family. We have a son and daughter-in-law who have four children,

and then we have a daughter and son-in-law who have three children. When 13 of us or more get together, we just needed more space.

Q: How did you decide on the design?

A: We knew we wanted the additional space and that we wanted a more home theater atmosphere. We had a couple of ideas that we ran by Tim. He was able to articulate what all of those ideas would look like. We were able to decide on this.

Q: How did the project go?

A: We found working with specialized local businesses a great experience. We found the local businesses we worked with gave time and attention to our remodel, so that the choices we made were the right ones the first time; and that they were economically good choices as well.

Mike Senneff

Q: Where do the double doors lead?

A: They hide the fuse box and other utilities. And the other door

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