



Marilyn Gehman, left, and Karen Reitnauer discuss plans for the Country Road Candlelight Tour. The Reitnouers' two-story sandstone home is featured. Exposed stone walls, deep window sills, and primitive antiques add to its old-time charm.

Candlelight Tour Features Former Feed Store

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— Among the many holiday tours held during the Christmas season are farmhouses, summer houses, and other buildings once used for agriculture.

This year, the Terre Hill Country Road Candlelight Tour will feature a former feed store that is a single-family dwelling.

Karen Reitnauer, who with her husband Todd and two children, live in the two-story sandstone home, said that the exact date the house was built is unknown.

"But it is known to be one of the oldest standing homes in the town and was built during the 1800s," she said.

The Reitnouers have a picture of the home as it appeared when it was Edward's Flour and Feed Store.

Changes have been made throughout the years. The full-length porch is no longer there, but the sandstone has been pointed. Inside the house, several stone walls have also been exposed. The woodwork trim has been painted in Williamsburg colors that accent

the plain off-white walls that Karen has stenciled.

The wooden floors have been exposed or replaced. Deep windowsills offer the perfect spot to display many of the family's collectibles.

Many of the home's furnishings

are antiques that the Reitnouers have purchased at sales or have been handed down through the family, such as the straw cutter, apple picker, and school desk.

Because the home has two stairways, tour participants will have

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The former feed store as it appears today is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Reitnauer. Although the date the house was built remains unknown, it is considered one of the oldest homes in Terre Hill.



This picture was taken in the 1800s when the building was used as Edward's Flour and Feed Store. Later, it was used as a duplex until several years ago when it was turned into a single dwelling home.

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