

This LDN Spring Home & Garden magazine is dedicated to

Dr. Christopher L. Maurer

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It was six years ago that Christopher Maurer came into our lives, and things would never be the same. Chris met our lovely daughter, Trisha Youngquist, at UIS as each was preparing to take up a new area of study and a different career. They wed in December, 2009



Together over the past few years, the couple tested their skills at home improvement and landscaping, turning a very plain old house and yard in Alton into a showcase home with lovely plantings surrounding it -- all on a student's dime budget -- and the property sold quickly for a decent profit when it came time to return to Springfield.

The two young adults worked with enthusiasm together around his family's 10-acre homestead in rural Springfield and tastefully redecorated one of its 3 levels to be their home.

The couple proved themselves to be consummate do-it-yourselfers in home remodeling and landscaping.

When Dr. Maurer completed his dental education in August 2011, he and Trisha began a new adventure, acquiring an older house to renovate and set up as his dental practice.

From August through February, Chris oversaw and did much of the work himself, totally stripping the house of everything down to the studs, inside and out. Many of his friends and family stopped by to help, as well as to provide guidance and encouragement to him during that project.

Having served as his own general contractor, Chris was able to bring the project in considerably under budget and also saved time.

Throughout March, he and Trisha with the help of a couple of siblings that are also dentist's, worked tirelessly in setting up equipment and stocking the office. Amazingly, the practice was ready to open in early April.

Maurer Family Dental is entirely surrounded with all new shrubs and flowers that were planted in January and that are now growing and in full bloom. The lovely tree-shaded lot was completed with new walks, paved parking lot and lighting. The inside is tastefully decorated, featuring warm rural-themed artworks by George Colin of Salisbury.

Dr. Maurer was able to enjoy tremendous success in the few short weeks his office was open. The quickly established client base was a tribute to all his fine qualities as a friendly, caring person and practitioner.

He was where he loved best: in the yard; doing what he loved most, when his maker unexpectedly called him home. He was in a grove of trees keeping up the family property with a little trimming, with the one he loved most, his wife and life partner Trisha.

The house re-made into a stunning dental office is located on Springfield's west side on Bradfordton Road. The practice that was his dream is continuing and doing well through the efforts of family and friends.

We loved and admired this young man & all that he had accomplished in his short 35 years.

We appreciate how he cared for our daughter and all his family and friends, and how they in turn have now cared for us as well.

In tribute to a truly gifted, fun-loving and lovable young man, Dr. Christopher L. Maurer,

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