

# HERALD-WHIG LIVING

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Left: Curtis and Jennifer Wall stand in the entry way to their home at 230 S. 16th. Above: When the Walls were ready to buy their own home, they came away impressed with the space the Dutch Colonial Revival house had to offer. Below: A look at the dining room.

## Sensible Homes

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### Trellis, vines can help with cooling

**Q:** The afternoon sun gets intense and there is no room for shade trees. I thought about building a trellis for climbing vines for shade to lower my air-conditioning costs. Is this a worthwhile project? — Taylor G.

**A:** Placing a trellis near your house and growing climbing vines is an effective natural method to shade and cool your home during the summer. By selecting the proper type of vines and designing the trellis properly, the winter sun will still shine through for natural passive solar heating.

Climbing vines can often be more effective than trees for shade because you can target specific windows and areas of your home where the heat is the greatest problem. Since the foliage of the vines is closer to your house than the leaves of a tree, the natural cooling effect is greater.

Planting flowering climbing vines can be an attractive addition to your landscaping. Every imaginable color of flower