

Career Tech Matters

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In education, things often overlap. A new process may be undergoing testing while schools still use the previous process. Or we start planning for things now that may not happen for many months or even a year down the road.



Our annual project house falls into this category, as we start one every September, often before the previous year's project house has sold.

Such is the case with our 2013-14 house, at 77 Granite Cliff Drive in Chillicothe, which will be auctioned at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8.

The ranch-style home sits on a third of an acre and is about 1,600 square feet. It has three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a high-efficiency heating/cooling system. The full basement is plumbed and ready to be converted to a fourth bedroom or living area with bathroom.

The house also has a deck and a two-car garage. While subcontractors pour the foundation, last year's senior electrical and carpentry students built the house, with assistance from Facilities Maintenance and Adult Education's HVAC program.

Gary Robinson, Industrial, Engineering & Business supervisor, said he never fails to be impressed with the workmanship and professionalism shown by the students.

"When you look around the house and realize that students, many of whom are 17 and 18 years old, did this, it takes your breath away," Gary said, referencing the beautiful wood floors and vaulted ceiling in the main room and the granite tile in the bathrooms.



TOP: The project house doesn't look like much in early fall, but over the course of the school year, it starts to take shape.

CENTER: Randy Vernatter, who completed the Electrical program, wires an outlet in the house last spring.

BOTTOM: The house is ready for auction.

A lot of credit goes to our senior instructors, Scott Brohard, who teaches electrical, and Steve Mapes, who teaches carpentry, and Shawn Kellough, the Adult Education HVAC instructor.

As veterans in their fields before joining Pickaway-Ross, they are adamant that the work is done right.

"I've seen Steve pull out the flooring and start over if it's not perfect," Gary said. "Quality is important."

If you have any questions about the auction, call Treasurer Ben Vanhorn at (740) 642-1275. A \$225,000 minimum bid is required.

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