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Northwest Iowa Community College Carpentry and Electrical Programs Auction House to an Orange City Resident

On Saturday, June 12, the Northwest Iowa Community College Carpentry Program's "House Project" was sold at auction and will be relocated at the end of the summer to Orange City, Iowa. The Brent Oolman family was the winning bidder at \$89,000 for the house.

The house featured:

- 1,700 square-feet
- Ranch style home
- Attached 26' x 32' two stall garage with insulated overhead doors
- Open kitchen, dining, living space with vaulted ceiling
- Two large main floor bedrooms each with walk-in closets
- Master bedroom has private full bath
- Oak, raised panel cabinets throughout
- Six panel, solid core, oak doors and oak millwork throughout
- Laundry on main floor located near bedrooms
- Airtight, energy efficient construction
- Conditioned attic space
- Maintenance free aluminum soffit and fascia cover
- 2x6 construction that incorporates advanced energy efficient
- Framing techniques
- Andersen high performance, Low E, casement style windows with wood interiors
- Patio door with wood interior.

Robert Leifeld, Dean of Applied Technology, stated, "I would like to thank Ryan Cannoy, NCC Carpentry Instructor, for the guidance and knowledge he has passed on to the students who are completing the building, of the 1,700 square-foot home. The extra consideration to adding solid wood doors, high end cabinets, pocket doors, and arched ceilings are just a few of the fine points/details that highlight this home. Other programs at the college contributed to the construction and design of this home, such as the electrical students in wiring the home. Each program added a new idea and a personal touch. The house looks great and the new owner was very excited to have had the highest bid at the auction."

Each year the Carpentry Programs along with the Electrical Programs, who wire the house, complete a two to three bedroom energy efficient house. The construction of the house gives students the hands-on knowledge they will need to become employees in an industry with increasing needs for skilled carpenters.

Carpentry, the first year of the program, students have hands-on experience in the shop and field experience involving framing, roofing, siding, drywall installation, taping and texturing, interior finishing, and cabinet/countertop installation, along with classroom time. An emphasis is placed on the care and use of hand and power tools, equipment and materials, and common systems of frame construction. They also learn about drafting, blueprint reading, trade mathematics, estimating, and safety.

The second year of the program, Construction Technology, is designed to prepare students for a variety of entry level positions, not just as carpenters. Other areas of employment include customer service representatives, inside or outside sales, designers, and estimators for building materials, contracting, and hardware supply companies. Trainee positions in either lumber yard or construction management are still other options, while others may choose to start their own business.

Leifeld concluded by saying, “A huge thank you needs to be given to Vander Werff & Associates, Inc, and Todd Hatterman for donating his time to auction the house off on Saturday morning. The money taken in from the house sale goes to cover the costs to build the house and part of any profit is used to update equipment and fund student learning activities, such as community service projects. Again, thank you Todd Hatterman from Vander Werff & Associates, Inc.”

Anyone interested in next years house should contact Ryan Cannoy, Carpentry Instructor, or Cher Vollink, Administrative Secretary of Applied Technology, at 324-5061 or 800-352-4907.