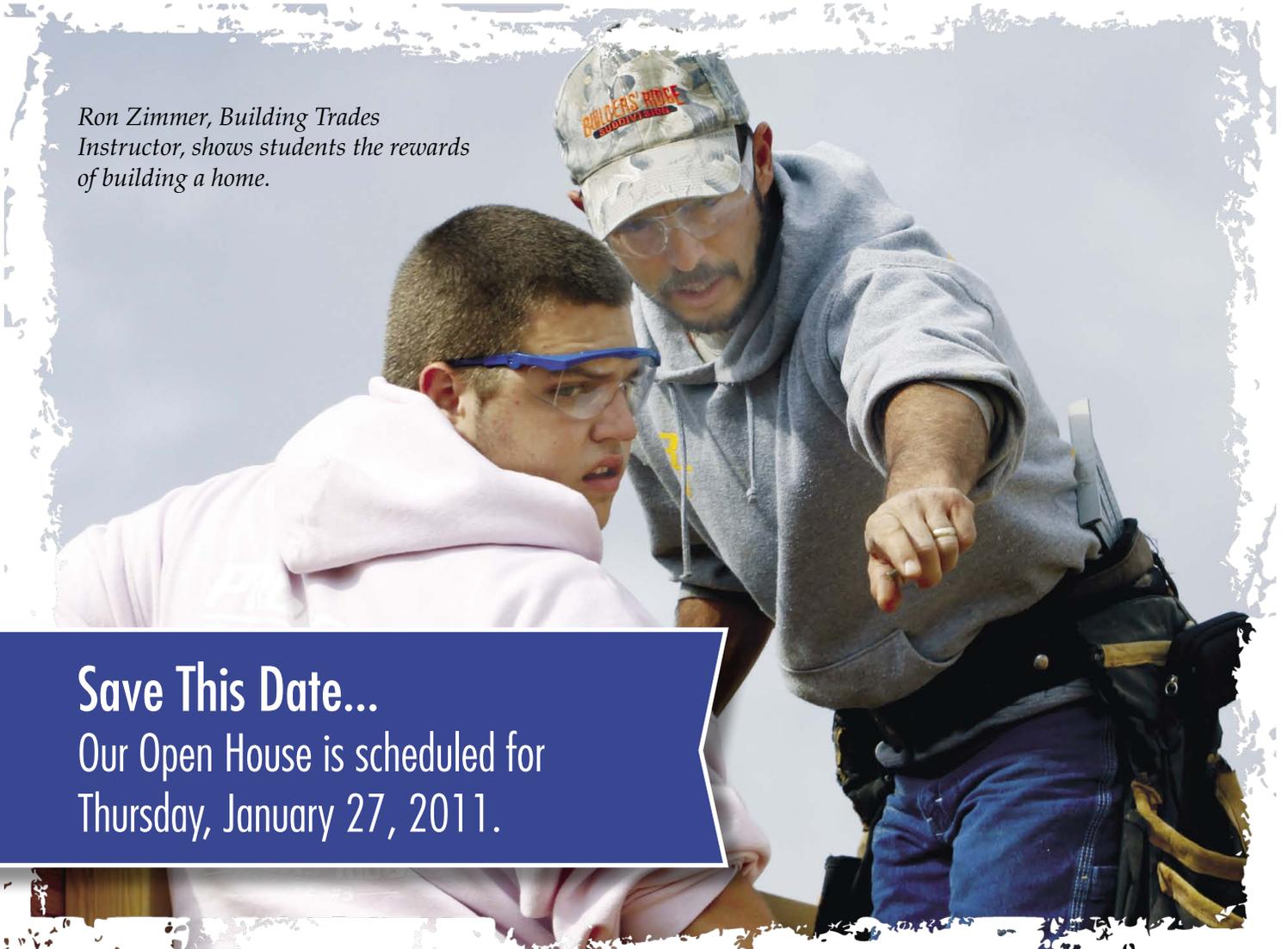


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Ron Zimmer, Building Trades Instructor, shows students the rewards of building a home.



Save This Date...
Our Open House is scheduled for
Thursday, January 27, 2011.

FEATURESTORY

Builder's Ridge Subdivision—Building a Tomorrow

"Seeing the students beam with pride and hearing them say, 'I built that' is rewarding. The best day is when those students are showing the hard work to their parents at open house. Their parents are amazed that their son or daughter had a part in building a house."

— Ron Zimmer, instructor.

Feature Story

Builder's Ridge Subdivision — Building a Tomorrow

Ron Zimmer, last year's Prosser and Harvest Homecoming Teacher-of-the-Year, demands excellence. "The bar is set high for each student," he says. "Students learn early on that I expect them to start a transformation from student to young professional. Ultimately, the goal is to prepare each student for an entry-level job. Also, each student will become proficient in his or her own home repairs or projects."

After successfully completing this course, Prosser students have opportunity to pursue further training in a construction/technology program at such institutions as Indiana State University, Vincennes University, Purdue University or Ivy Tech State College, enroll in the carpentry-apprenticeship program, or to enter the immediate workforce.

Each and every year since 1969, Prosser's Construction Trades programs have built a residential home to sell on the open real estate market. Students in the Electricity, Drafting, Heavy Equipment, Masonry, HVAC, Carpentry, and Horticulture programs all participate in this incredible work-based learning project. Up until three years ago, Prosser needed to annually purchase a building lot for the project. In 2007, Prosser purchased 3.83 acres directly behind the Transportation Barn and adjacent to the NAHS soccer field. This purchase was made with the specific intent to plan, develop, and construct a Prosser owned subdivision.

Fast-forward to today ... Builder's Ridge, a 19-lot subdivision is well underway. Two homes have been sold and a third is under construction. This week the actual roads are being paved, curbs poured, and sewer lines installed, all for the interior development of Builder's Ridge. It really is quite an exciting time.

This huge project has been of great benefit to all of our

participating students. Students no longer lose instructional time loading and unloading tools onto a bus destined to travel to a construction site far from the school campus. Students now sling their tool belts over their shoulders and, within a couple of minutes, walk to our own construction site. In addition to maximizing instructional time, controlling and developing our own subdivision allows students to participate in the planning and construction of the infrastructure. This is a unique opportunity that cannot be experienced at any other secondary school in the state.

Hands-on training and classroom instruction include:

- Estimating
- Layout
- Footing/foundation
- Platform construction
- Framing
- Roofing
- Sidings
- Exterior finish
- Window and door installation
- Stair building
- Interior finish

Director Alan Taylor says, "A testament to the construction quality and to the reputation of a "Prosser home" is how quickly the homes sell. The first home sold within two weeks after listing and the second home was sold in only a couple of days after listing. If you know anyone potentially interested in our third home, you'd better let them know now. When it is completed in the spring, I anticipate it will not take long to find a happy home owner!"

Director's Message It's About People



As our mission statement reveals, Prosser provides each student the skills and work ethic necessary for a successful career. The driving force behind that success is people—staff, instructors and students with a genuine devotion to reaching their goals.

Prosser instructors are highly-skilled, hands-on people who immerse themselves in their jobs. The result of this dedication is invaluable expertise given to our students.

As indicated by the many awards our students have won, Prosser is centered on meeting goals and achieving success. The Builder's Ridge Subdivision is a testament to our instructors and students working as a team to achieve a goal. Each home stands as a symbol of their success.

Whether it's a visit to the school, attending an upcoming event or just perusing our newsletters, don't miss the opportunities to meet the people who make Prosser School of Technology great. Our success is about the teamwork, the technology, the instruction and, most importantly, the people.

— Alan Taylor, Director

Prosser Shows Off Skills in 2009-10 Competition

SKILLS USA STATE WINNERS

BORDEN

Crystal Lackey – Nurse Assisting – 3rd
CLARKSVILLE

Elizabeth Garrett – Prepared Speech -2nd
Jervassio Smith –Extemp. Speaking – 3rd
CORYDON

Courtney Helton – Basic Health Care – 3rd
Shawna Robbins – First Aid/CPR - 5th
Sarah Jensen – Medical Terminology – 5th
EASTERN

Jesse Stewart – Auto Collision – 4th
FLOYD CENTRAL

Andrew Denny – CNC Milling - 3rd
Brett Geiser – CNC Turning - 4th
Elizabeth Hunt – Culinary Arts – 2nd
Trent Wilson – Culinary Arts - 3rd
Chris Barger – Culinary Arts - 5th
Ethan Paris – Masonry - 1st
Matthew Glotzbach – Motorcycle Serv. – 3rd
Patrick Uhl – Power Equipment - 5th

JEFFERSONVILLE

Aspen Will – Nurse Assisting – 5th
LANESVILLE

Joshua Law – Diesel Service – 5th

NEW ALBANY

Jacob Hollins – Commercial Baking - 2nd
Ryan Howes – Internetworking – 1st
Donovan Sorrels – Internetworking - 4th
Erica Dixon – Basic Health Care – 1st
POST SECONDARY

Damon Harrison – Comp. Main. – 2nd
Nick Schmit – Welding - 1st

ROCK CREEK

Robert Pearson – Nurse Assisting – 4th
SALEM

Luke Martin – Internetworking – 5th

SO. CENTRAL

Dillon Miller – CNC Turning - 3rd
Taylor Cox – Commercial Baking - 3rd

SKILLS NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Erica Dixon – Basic Health Care
Ethan Paris – Masonry
Ryan House – Internetworking
Damon Harrison – Comp. Maintenance

BPA STATE WINNERS

CORYDON

Michael McArthur - Programming - 5th
Adam Pendleton – Programming - 9th

FLOYD CENTRAL

Jeremy Williams – Category? – 10th

HENRYVILLE

Mitchell Petty – Programming – 6th

JEFFERSONVILLE

Austin Grover – Programming – 4th

NEW ALBANY

John Davidson – Programming – 8th

NO. HARRISON

Kerstin Smith – Graphic Design – 6th

SALEM

Guthrie Smith – Programming – 10th
SCOTTSBURG

Jessie Higgins – Programming – 8th

BPA NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Michael McArthur – Programming
Austin Grover - Programming

Prosser Welcomes New Faces



Mike Bauerla, a Master Electrician, worked for 25 years in the residential, commercial, and industrial electricity industry before joining Prosser as our instructor

of electricity. His past includes managing a division of a major corporation; in addition, he owned and operated a local electricity business. “My wife and I are both Prosser graduates. It is exciting to return and be part of the staff.”



Amanda Baylor, a

graduate from Prosser School of Cosmetology, knew from the beginning of her career that she wanted to work with clients in a salon setting as well as instruct students. She worked in a local salon for the past three years and began teaching at Prosser so “I can give back to the community by training students to be part of this exciting and rewarding career.”



Glenn Dethy completed the auto tech program at Prosser as a high school student and immediately began his 22-year career as a Ford Master Technician

at Carriage Ford. He enjoys seeing students’ excitement about automotive technology and is glad to have the opportunity to “help people advance in their life.”



Ron House joined

Prosser’s staff as an auto tech paraprofessional after almost 30 years of experience as a teacher and business owner. His skills as a business owner and teacher and his desire to “build or fix things” allow him to effectively assist students and to manage the activities within the auto tech garage.



Sandra Juliot, a

registered nurse, joined Prosser’s instructional staff after working 15 years in the health occupations industry. Not only did she work in the emergency department, she also worked as an occupational health nurse and taught many classes in trauma nursing. “I want to share my knowledge of healthcare with students in order to help them make the right healthcare career choices.”



Mary Lambert, a licensed English teacher with degrees in music as well as in Christian education, joined Prosser in January to collaboratively teach Language Arts in all

programs. Mary and each teacher create and present program-specific lessons to integrate writing and language arts standards within the CTE curriculum. “I love the non-traditional side of high school and the opportunities that Prosser offers our students.”



Andrea McCullum,

a licensed pharmacist, continues to work full time at Kroger Pharmacy and teaches Prosser’s pre-pharmacy class. Andrea completed Prosser’s pre-pharmacy class as a high school student and then earned her Doctor of Pharmacy license from Duquesne University. She is excited to teach at Prosser because she “loved the opportunity I had at Prosser” and appreciates the chance to “give back.”



Mike Thacker worked for 32 years in collision repair and also taught at a different CTE center before joining Prosser’s instructional faculty. Having earned numerous industry-specific

certifications, Mr. Thacker reports that he is glad to have “the chance to pass on what I’ve learned and teach students a trade that can be very rewarding.”



Lanona Trent, a graduate

of PJ’s Beauty School, has worked four years in a local salon. She began teaching at Prosser School of Cosmetology in order “to be able to teach this skill to students who want to be successful in this field.”



Brad Troutman,

a graduate from Clarksville High School and Campbellsville University, taught high school math in a traditional comprehensive high school for seven years before joining Prosser’s faculty this school year. Mr. Troutman partners with each of Prosser’s CTE instructors to teach students math skills that are directly connected with the CTE curriculum. “Working at Prosser lets me help students apply mathematics to their chosen career paths.”



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Give Me Credit!

Prosser School of Technology awarded to students more than 2,200 Ivy Tech State College and Vincennes University college/university credits during the 2009-2010 school year. In addition, more than 500 Prosser students earned industry certifications or industry licenses.

Dual Credits

Students may earn any of the Indiana high school diplomas by successfully completing a Prosser program. Earning dual credits and/or industry certifications will help students earn the Core 40 with Technical Honors diploma.

School Affiliation

Prosser is proud to be associated with the following schools: Austin, Borden, Charlestown, Clarksville, Corydon Central, Crawford County, Eastern, Floyd Central, Christian Academy, Henryville, Jeffersonville, Lanesville, New Albany, New Washington, North Harrison, Providence, Rock Creek Christian Academy, Salem, Scottsburg, Shiloh Holiness, Silver Creek, South Central and West Washington.

Our Mission

Prosser School of Technology, in partnership with business, industry and community, provides each student the skills and work ethic necessary for a successful career.

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