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quality home.

"This is a very nice, modern, energy-efficient house," he said.

He said the students worked this school year with tradesmen associated with the Northeast Oregon Home Builders Association to complete the home. They have been active in every step of the construction process, although professionals were responsible for certain aspects, such as the roofing, sheetrock and electrical work.

"This is the result of a lot of effort and a lot of coordination with people all throughout the community," Berger said.

Following Monday's open house, which takes place from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the Hermiston School District will put the house up for sale Tuesday by opening a bidding process. The proceeds from the sale will support the student homebuilder program and the construction of the second of 11 houses planned.

Berger said, not only is



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Hermiston High School teacher Curt Berger said the student-built home that people can tour Monday has a number of 'wow factors,' including this chandelier.

the house unique in that it was built by students, the look and the amenities of the house are also special. He said the students wanted the house to have a different look and feel one-of-a-kind to whomever buys it, and designed it with that in mind.

"We've got in wow factors everywhere, on purpose," Berger said, adding, from the fire place to the custom tile design in the foyer, the house has many features that will

appeal to people.

Hermiston High School junior Rebecca Carr, one of three girls in the program, said she enjoyed the design aspect of the project, and was placed in charge of many of those elements, including the tile and carpet color.

"I spent probably a good 12 hours picking out colors for the outside and the interior of the house, picking out colors that make things pop all that much more," she said.



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The back side of the student-built home on Angus Court in Hermiston. The Hermiston School District will sell the house through a bidding process that opens Tuesday to raise funds for the next home-construction project slated for next year.

Carr said she started taking on responsibility for the design after she stopped Berger from making an unfortunate choice in windows for the back side of the house. Before she stepped him and told him he should install a rain window, instead, she said he was set on putting in a 1990s faux brick window that she said was ugly.

"I was like, 'You cannot put this in this house. This is a nice house,'" Carr said.

While she said she has a talent for design, Carr said she now knows home construction isn't for her, although the homebuilding program opens up many career options for students.

"With this program, you can go almost anywhere," she said. "The sky is the limit."

HHS junior Elizabeth Herrera, who has been involved with the project the longest, having designed the logo for the house last

spring and doing foundation work this past summer, agrees.

She has participated in each of the different aspects of the home's construction and has received a lot of approval from the tradesmen with whom she worked. She even received a couple of internship offers. She said one day she wants to own her own home-construction business and design the homes herself.

Herrera said she likes the diversity involved in home construction, saying if somebody doesn't like one job or project, there are others they can do instead. She thinks any student who is interested in construction should participate in the program.

"I think teenagers would like this job because what you are doing this week is not what you're going to be doing next week," she said. "It's an awesome class, a tiring, but awesome, class."

For more information on the student-built home for sale or the homebuilder program, go to [www.columbiabasinstudenthomes.org](http://www.columbiabasinstudenthomes.org).

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the city plans to hire another police officer and a public works employee and fund a

variety of other items that were not previously possible. She said the police department will be able to purchase two more car cameras and six body cameras that the officers will share.

Ince said one of the larger new expenditures in this budget is the first of four annual \$44,000 installments the city will pay to the Port of Umatilla for the purchase of 15.4 acres

of land west of Bud Draper Road. The land sale agreement earlier this year ended a zoning dispute between the entities.

Other expenditures include \$200,000 budgeted

from the water reserve to perform necessary maintenance on a water reservoir, and \$200,000 is budgeted from the street fund for grinding and asphalt overlays in McNary. As well,

although the city's employee handbook stated college assistance was available, Ince said it had never been included in the budget until \$10,000 was set aside for that purpose this year.

**EOTEC:**

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"I'm very pleased with how we're proceeding with getting ready for the operations of the event center as we move into the '15-'16 year," he said. "We've made a lot of progress on our fiscal planning. We've got a lot of support with our citizen members. Everything's looking good. The one thing we're still looking to is completion of our capital funding package ...

It depends on what happens in this legislative session, and, right now, it's just too early to tell."

The primary funding sources for the joint venture between the city of Hermiston and Umatilla County include a \$6.4-million state of Oregon lottery grant, \$3 million from the county from the sale of the current fairgrounds, \$450,000 from the county's Fair Improvement Fund, \$441,000 from the United States government to replace Thompson Hall and \$25,000 annual

contributions from both the city and the county. A Tourism Promotion Assessment that charges hotels and motels \$1 per room rented per night, as well as 50 cents for RV spaces, in Hermiston, Umatilla and Echo also provides funding earmarked for marketing. The total construction is anticipated to cost \$12.38 million.

At the Authority Board meeting preceding the budget meeting, project manager Gary Winsand, Frew Development Group,

said the site preparation is "moving along." He said the sewer lines were completed Thursday, and the water lines would be going in soon. He said two wells, one for monitoring and one for production, have been drilled. The underground utilities should be completed by June 19, he said, and the grading should be completed by July 15. Winsand said event center construction is expected to begin

July 13.

Heather Cannell, who was hired as the business development manager, said an EOTEC Facebook page has been created, and she is currently working on a logo that looks "a little less commercial, a little more country."

Authority Board member Dan Dorran said three local "legacy families" have expressed interest in providing sponsorship

funding to EOTEC, as well as two anonymous parties. He said Cannell has been working on a way to set up a program for "founding partners."

"It's really kind of humbling how quick those type of requests come once we have a shovel in the ground," he said. "It really is coming to fruition. ... It's really nice to see the legacy families of the area really buy into this."

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