

# Dauphin County

## WOOD

# Choppers

News from the Dauphin County Technical School Carpentry Program  
Fall 2011

Edited by: Kelsey Hayes and Nicole Honaker



## Pennsylvania Home Show 2011

This year for the Pennsylvania Home Show the carpentry class built two projects. The main project was a large shed that looked like a barn. We built the barn in the school's arena. The second thing we built was a wishing well with working water affects inside. Both the barn and the well were painted red to make it look like a real farm scene. Building them was tons of fun, and we learned a lot about carpentry and teamwork.

The first project we started building was the barn. It took everyone in the shop to build the floor and put up the walls. The parts were heavy even with six or seven people lifting them. The next thing we had to do on the barn was build the trusses, the doors,

copula, the windows, and the planter boxes. It took us five weeks to get everything done. After we were finished building the barn at the school, it took our class two days to take it all apart and get it ready to deliver to the farm show complex.

While most of the class was working on the barn, a few students were working on the wishing well. It was bigger than we thought it would be. It was a good 7' tall and 4' wide. The roof was just the same as the barn but smaller. We put a big plastic trash can inside the well and filled it with water. A pump was installed, so our well made the sound of running water.

We delivered our projects to the show on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The whole time we were there, we had fun working as a class. It took us two days to put up the barn. Other classes helped. Ornamental Horticulture and Masonry did landscaping around the barn and well. When everything was finished, it looked fantastic.

During the home show, we took bids for both the barn and the well. The well was sold to a landscaping business in Robesonia for \$425.00. The barn was sold to a couple, who lived in Pottsville, for \$2,551.

We delivered the well a week after the show. We waited until April to deliver the barn to Pottsville, which is an hour away from school. We spent a Saturday setting up the barn. While we were there it started pouring down rain, but we still had fun.

We loved working on these projects and working with our fellow classmates. We had to work together to get the job done. We all did our part and loved doing it.

By: Dominique Lewis and Aaron Manning and Kelsey Hayes



Our barn at home in Pottsville

# DCTS LIGHTHOUSE



In April, the prom committee asked the carpentry class to build a small lighthouse for the prom. They wanted the lighthouse to be 7 feet tall, and shaped like an octagon.

Mr. Carroll put four students on the lighthouse project, Chris Ceaser-Daniels, Katie Baker, John Bennett, and Kyle “Shaky” Coder. The lighthouse took a week to build. Chris worked during the PM class, and Katie, John, and Kyle worked in the AM class.

Everyone at the prom liked the lighthouse, and it made a great addition to the event. After the prom, we were able to sell our lighthouse to a very happy customer.

We enjoyed working on the lighthouse. The octagonal shape made everything a challenge, but once we got started it wasn't that difficult.

By: Katie Baker, John Bennett, and Kyle Coder



## **Adirondack Chairs**

For the builder's show we made a lot of cool stuff like a big red barn and a well to match, but my favorite part was making the Adirondack chairs. We made a sample chair that we displayed at the show, and then we started to take orders. Everyone in the class made a chair, and some students made two. The class made a total of 40 chairs. It was a long process, but it was also a fun process. Every piece of the chair had a twin, so when you made parts, you always had to make two of everything. Our carpentry shop looked like a chair factory while all the chairs were being built!

Our chairs are made of pine wood which looks almost white when surfaced and cut down to the right size. When the chairs are all put together, we sand down all the edges to make them rounded so that no one can get a splinter or hurt themselves. We are hoping we can use the money we make from the chairs for a party or field trip.

By: Kelsey Hayes.

---

## **MODEL HOUSE**

One of the most complicated projects that freshmen build is the model house. The house taught us all the parts of the house from the footers to the rafters. It also taught us how all these parts are put together, and how much work goes into the construction of a real house. The model house project had its ups and downs, but it still went pretty good. The most difficult part was putting the brads into the thin pieces of

wood that we used for the joists, rafters, and studs. The easiest part was drawing blocks for the foundation walls. This project took about three weeks, and when all the houses were finished, they came out looking sexy.



By: Anthony Ramsey, Kurt Conrad, & Christopher Ceaser-Daniels.

---

## SHOP!

The carpentry shop has changed a lot since this time last year... We have a new teacher, a new student, and Harrisburg carpentry students came into our shop. All of this made me notice that our shop is even crazier than I thought. We may not get along with each other as well as we should sometimes, but we do work well together. We get the job done!

Last year we lost our shop teacher, Mr. Smith, but now we have Mr. Carroll. Mr. Carroll brought a lot of new things into our shop. It seems that he has brought all of us closer together.

Last year there were only two girls in the carpentry shop, Kelsey and me. Then we found out there was going to be a new student coming in. Kelsey and I hoped it was another girl. We found out that it was a girl, my friend Kaitlyn. She is a hard worker, and gets her projects done. Kaitlyn is different than anyone else in our shop. With Kaitlyn in our shop, carpentry is even harder to explain.

Then in January, Harrisburg carpentry students joined our class. To tell you the truth, I wasn't sure how it would work out, but everything has gone fine. The more I've worked with them, the more I've noticed that they are just as crazy as we are.

My shop is full of crazy people. Mr. Carroll is the head caveman and he keeps everyone in the shop busy with projects. No matter what we are doing: theory, working out in shop, Collins writing, or just waiting for the bell to ring, we're always having fun.

By: Nicole Honaker.



**Our new Harrisburg Carpentry Students**

## BEING NEW

I have only been in carpentry for a short period of time, and I already have learned quite a lot. I've learned the proper safety when operating tools and to wear safety glasses while working. All of this will ensure that I have ten fingers and both eyes before and after the job is done. Coming to carpentry, has strengthened my desire to work in this field after high school, and I'm planning to go to college for it. I enjoy the furniture making as well as building homes. Hopefully, I can become a great carpenter and make a good career in the construction industry.

By: Katie Baker.



**Katie with her first carpentry project**

## Carpentry Class Officers



**Our 2011 Carpentry Class Officers**

In the beginning of the school year Mr. Carroll said that he wanted carpentry class officers, so when it came time to elect officers we all were ready. The ballot had four sections: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Up for president were two seniors, Dominique Jenkins and Trevor Smith. For vice president: senior, Dominique Jenkins and two juniors, Dominique Lewis and Aaron Manning. For secretary there were two juniors and a senior. The senior was Zachary Horting, the juniors were Kelsey Hayes, and Saivon Waller. And the last section of our ballot was treasurer. This section had three juniors and a sophomore. The juniors were Kyle Coder, Nicole Honaker, and Dominique Lewis. The sophomore was Kurt Conrad.

When the votes were counted; the classes found out who the winners were: Trevor Smith for president, Dominique Jenkins for vice president, Kelsey Hayes for secretary, and Nicole Honaker for treasurer.

The responsibility for all of these positions is important. The qualities we were looking for in both president and vice president were good leadership skills. For secretary we were looking for a good learner, someone that was good at taking notes and explaining them. And lastly, for the treasurer position, we were looking for someone that was good with money and math. Also, he or she had to be honest and loyal to the shop.

BY: Nicole Honaker and Kelsey Hayes.

# Tour de Pink

Mr. Carroll, our carpentry teacher, and his son rode their bicycles 200 miles in the 2011 YSC Tour de Pink. The Tour de Pink is an annual bicycle ride that benefits women who are going through breast cancer diagnosis, treatment, and recovery. Mr. Carroll rode in this ride as a way to honor his wife who had breast cancer in 2010. DCTS held a dress down day on September 23<sup>rd</sup> to raise money in support of Mr. Carroll's ride. The dress down day was able to raise over \$1,800. It was nice to not only get to wear whatever we wanted to school that day, but also to help a great cause.



Mr. Carroll in the rain and in pink socks

The Tour de Pink was a three day ride. The bike ride took place from Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> through Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. The first day's ride started in Morristown, NJ and went to Princeton. The bike route left Princeton the second day and went to New Hope, PA, Stockton, NJ, and then back to Princeton. The third day the riders went to Long Branch, NJ where they finished the ride at the beach. More than 200 riders took part in raising funds to ensure that no young woman has to face breast cancer alone. The first two days it was raining, but no matter how much it rained Mr. Carroll and his son did not stop riding. Both Mr. Carroll and his son finished the ride, and the experience will be something they will always remember.



By: Nicole Honaker and Kelsey Hayes.