Vanguard students build playhouse for habitat for humanity raffle

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Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Donna Thatcher speaks with Vanguard Career Center teacher Dan Moscioni about a playhouse built by his building trades class. (Photo: Craig Shoup/The News-Messenger)

FREMONT - A new playhouse built by students at Vanguard Career Center in Fremont will be auctioned off in August to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Sandusky County Habitat for Humanity.

Around 10 students from Dan Moscioni's building trades class of seniors and juniors built the playhouse in a little more than two weeks during the spring semester class.

Moscioni said the class often will build garages, handicapped ramps and other projects from members of the community who are unable to pay for them.

"Everybody in the class worked in this," Moscioni said.

Lucas Lejuene, a Fremont Ross senior who will be graduating from Vanguard, said he is used to working on projects, having already begun working in construction prior to building the playhouse.

"I build houses, so a lot of this is just following the blueprints," he said.

Donna Thatcher, executive director for Sandusky County Habitat for Humanity, said the playhouse idea came from the organization celebrating its 30th year in the county.



Sandusky County Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Donna Thatcher thanks students at Vanguard from building a playhouse to be raffled off. (*Photo: Craig Shoup/The News-Messenger*)

"We thought, we were celebrating our 30th anniversary and Vanguard is celebrating 50 years, so we thought it would be fun to have a major project like this," Thatcher said

The playhouse will be displayed at Front and Croghan streets, Thatcher said.

Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1 each of six tickets for \$5.

Tickets can be purchased at Down Thyme Cafe, 115 S. Front St.; Downtown Fremont, 315 Garrison St.; and during farmers markets in June, July and Aug. 3.

The winner of the raffle will be announced Aug. 3 during the farmers market.

Thatcher said habitat continues work on rehabbing a home at 706 Linden St. in Fremont and will host the Lift Inaugural Charity Bicycle Ride from 7 a.m. to noon June 8.



For details about how to get involved, call Thatcher at 419-355-1257.

Vanguard students in Dan Moscioni's building trades class stand next to a playhouse they built. (Photo: Craig Shoup/The News-Messenger)

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