

**Vocational Building Trades**—2 semesters, 4 credits, grades 11 and 12.

Prerequisites: Completion of Woodworking General and Drafting with a minimum grade of “C”, submission of an application and participation in an interview with the Building Trades Board is required. Recommendations from teachers will be included in the student selection process. New Prairie High School had to incorporate the Building Trades class. It facilitates the loans for buying materials and then selling the house. Last year, the house was sold before it was even finished!

The Building Trades Board consists of the following people who so generously give of their time:

Keith Hite, President  
Clara Clark, Secretary  
Tim Wheatbrook, Wheatbrooks Home Center, Member  
Jim Pressel, Pressel Enterprises, Member  
Mike Lauglin, Countywide Properties, Member  
Don Stoner, LaPorte County Farm Bureau Co-Op, Member  
Brian Nelson, City Savings Bank, Member

Building Trades is a course designed to give students real world experiences in the construction trades. Students will participate in all aspects of building a home by working with professionals in the construction fields. Areas to be covered include: planning, financing, securing permits, building codes, excavation, foundations, framing, roofing, plumbing, electrical, drywall, doors, windows, siding, trim, and landscaping. Career opportunities will be covered.