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Design documents complete for first student-built home – construction to begin in August

HERMISTON – After nearly four months of collaborative work, Gail Sargent of Sargent Architects placed the final touches on the first student-built home set to break ground in August when school resumes.

The final design represents a significant accomplishment for many students at Hermiston High School who worked closely with Sargent over the course of the spring semester in the school’s advanced computer-aided drafting (CAD) class.

Identified as “Fieldstone Crossing #1”, the home will be the first of eleven that will be built by students in the Columbia Basin Student Homebuilding Program (CBSHP), funded through a significant Career and Technical Education grant received by the district. Under the direction of Program Coordinator Curt Berger, in close partnership with local trade allies from the Northeast Oregon Homebuilders Association (NEOHBA), students at Hermiston High School, in addition to students from Umatilla and Stanfield, will have a once-in-a-lifetime learning opportunity to construct one high-quality home every year.

“This first home, as well as the ten to follow in our subdivision, will encompass the finest quality, energy efficiency, and constructability standards,” noted Wade Smith, Deputy Superintendent. “Through our collaborative work with the Energy Trust of Oregon, the outstanding design work by Mrs. Sargent, and our skilled contractors and vendors providing mentorship and assistance from the NEOHBA, the Fieldstone subdivision will be a remarkable addition to the upper-end Hermiston residential market.”

The Fieldstone Crossing #1 home will be a 2050 sq ft, one-story, craftsman-style home with a large 676 square foot garage, and covered front porch and back patios. Working closely with the Energy Trust of Oregon, the home will serve as a model for energy efficiency standards, with a target energy performance score 25% greater than current code-compliant homes.

“Serving the needs of all children with rigorous program choices, high expectations, mutual respect, and excellence in all endeavors.”
Other home details/amenities initially include:

Exterior/Envelope
- Covered front and rear porches with exposed beams
- High efficiency insulation, window, and penetration measures
- Extensive stone veneer work
- Shiplap siding with shake-style gables
- Craftsman-style garage doors

Interior
- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, with office/den/bonus room
- Large, open living, entertaining, and dining areas
- Energy efficient lighting throughout
- Whole-house vacuum system
- Centralized audio-visual closet with fiber-to-the-home technology sponsored by Eastern Oregon Telecom
- Tile and hardwood flooring in the kitchen, entry, and entertaining areas
- Custom kitchen, counters, and cabinetry, featuring
  - Farm-style sink
  - Built-in gas cooktop
  - Built-in wall ovens
  - Under-cabinet lighting
  - Large serving/entraining island with seating for 6
- Sliding barn-style doors in living area
- 9ft ceilings in bedroom areas with vaulted, exposed heavy timbers in kitchen, living, and dining areas

To view the completed design work, or watch the project live through the district’s project-cam, visit the Columbia Basin Student Homebuilders website at www.cbshp.org

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