

Senior designs concession stand for BLHS

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Nathaniel Wilson hit a home run of a different kind two weeks ago when the Bonney Lake High senior completed his culminating project – a concession stand for the Panther boys' baseball team.

"I got the idea last year when we started working in the concession stands," Wilson said. "They were kind of thrown together. Some of them were held up with duct tape on the canopy so they wouldn't break down."

Knowing he needed to start thinking about his upcoming project, Wilson presented the idea of building a concession stand to his baseball coach Mike Olson.

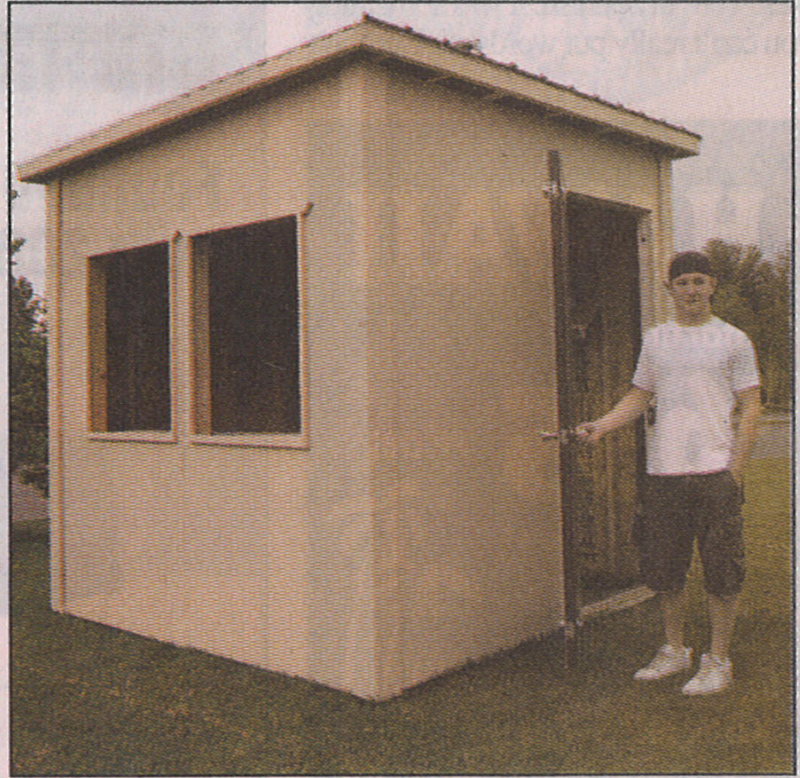
"The coach thought it was kind of cool," he said. "He was looking forward to it so we could actually have a good concession stand and have a place where we could keep our stuff. After each game we had to pull out all of our containers where we kept it all."

The Sumner School District threw out the proverbial first pitch of approval, and from there, Wilson ran with the ball. He leaned on the advice of his mentor, architect and Bonney Lake High parent Mark Wheeler.

"I designed the plans myself," Wilson said. "But I had to change the plans three times."

District officials wanted the 8-foot by 8-foot concession stand to be compartmentalized, meaning it could be disassembled and stored during the off season.

He also needed to raise funds for the \$700 project. Help came from Home Depot and Arrow Lumber. His dad, Jeff Wilson, also contributed to the funds and



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Nathaniel Wilson worked more than 30 hours to construct a concession stand.

worked together with him to complete it on time.

"I spent a little more than 30 hours on this, and my out-of-pocket expenses came to about \$100," Nathaniel Wilson said.

The exterior of the stand is painted tan and is built in sections of T-111 siding. It features two removable windows in front, a metal door and metal rack shelving beneath the shelves.

"One is slightly tilted so you can display the candies, and there's enough room for about three or four people to work inside at one time," he said.

Wilson presented his project May 20 before a panel of judges. And although it's finished, he hopes to create a sign that pays tribute to his corporate sponsors.

Wilson plans to attend Pierce College to earn his associated arts degree, then transfer to Washington State University to major in architecture.