

Notes from the Build Site

I don't know about you, but I am just about done with this whole Covid thing. It has affected all of our lives in so many ways, and I want to send my condolences to all who have lost a loved one. The good news is I think the end is in sight. Almost all of the Codgers have been vaccinated (we are all old) so hopefully we can soon get back to "normal."

After taking a couple of weeks off for the holidays, we returned to the build site in early January. Despite the fact that we are working with a very small crew and only working on Saturdays we have made tremendous progress. All of the utilities, plumbing, electrical and HVAC have been roughed in. The insulation is done and the drywall is hung. We have started taping the drywall. We've passed all the inspections except the final.

It has been a great pleasure getting to know our new partner family, the Leaseburgs. Kelcey and Breanne are a young couple with a daughter, Alora. Breanne's mother, Bailey, has also been working with us. They have been working hard and it truly is a pleasure having them on the build site. If you get the chance to meet them, please welcome them to the Habitat family.

Once again, I have to give my shout out to the Codgers. These volunteers are awesome and we could not do what we do without them. Special thanks to Bob, Dan, Roger, Tom and Dave. These guys have gone above and beyond making up for us having to limit our crew size and number of build days due to the pandemic.

I want to talk just a minute about the quality of our homes. We try to build a house that not only looks attractive but is functional and affordable for our homeowners. Habitat homes are kept warm with R49 blown in insulation. Once the insulation was completed we have been heating the entire 1200 square foot house with just a standard 1500 watt portable heater and when we get there in the morning it has never been below 58 degrees inside. These are cozy homes, and we hope the homeowners will enjoy low utility bills for a long time to come.

Looking forward, as soon as the weather permits, we are going to start our next house, right next door. We have the building permit, and expect to start excavation the end of this month. Please join us online Friday, March 26 for a Facebook Live post to celebrate the groundbreaking with Kyle Hansen and his son Kyas, the 2021 Habitat homeowners. As soon as it's safe to do so, we plan to return to normal work hours and work on both houses at the same time. Should be plenty of volunteer opportunities.

One last thing, Beans 'n' Jeans is coming up April 10-17. With the virus the Store has had to limit its hours and our fundraisers have been online. Our income has dropped. And now the cost of building materials has gone through the roof. We are estimating that it is going to add more than \$20,000 to the construction cost of the Hansen home. So please dig a little deeper this year when you are bidding. We can't do any of this without your help. Thank you so much.

I look forward to seeing you on the build site soon!

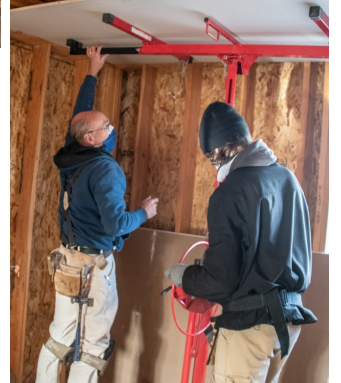
Dave Stradley

Construction Supervisor



Construction Supervisor Dave Stradley measures for a piece of sheet rock in the master bath.

Building the Leaseburg home, clockwise from left: J&L Insulation technician installing blown in insulation, Valerie Linscott installing electrical outlet boxes, the Leaseburg Family with Dave Ostrom (Project Manager and Board Member) and Cathy Blood (PHFH Board Chair) signing the Intent to Partner agreement, Dan Hardesty installing insulation baffles, Bailey Neilson (Breanne's mother) placing sheetrock in a closet, Bob Behal and Kelsey installing the "lid" ceiling Sheetrock, Tom Gooch placing drywall screws, Pastor Matthew Young with Cathy Blood and the Leaseburgs for the Home Blessing, Breanne Leaseburg installing drywall screws, Kelcey Leaseburg attaching drywall screws.



Yes, I can help build the Hansen Home!

Cornerstone: Yearly pledge to help build each Habitat home \$ _____

Gift in Memory or in Honor of _____ \$ _____

Donation of any amount for home building or general use \$ _____

I want to Volunteer! (circle): Construction Ramps & Rails Office Surplus Sale

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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**Hansen Family Home
Groundbreaking Celebration**
Join us online
Friday, March 26
5:15 pm
Facebook Live Post
Palouse Habitat Facebook Page
or our website home page
<https://palousehabitat.org>
Join to celebrate the start of Kyle
and his son's new home!

Gifts in Honor and Memory

Gifts in Honor

Sheryl Monk, Allie Becker, Mike Johnson, and
Aaron Lindquist
Jake McKenzie, Teresa Heitmann, Frank Gomez,
Amber Townsley, and Denise Tooley
John & Mary Read
Chip Tull
The Codger Crew
Brian Dentler & Cheryl Rajaich
Patrick & Jenny Adam

Gifts in Memory

Betsy Thomas	Daniel Bosse
Jimi Coleman	John Holup
Ruth S. Adams	Ronald P. Konen
Ken Hall	Frank Reale

Remembering Kenneth and Sharon Linderman

Sharon Ledeman was married to a craftsman. When Kenneth passed away in 2018, he left behind a workshop full of tools and materials. Wanting his legacy to live on, Sharon contacted the Palouse Habitat Surplus Sale and asked to make a gift of the contents of his shop to help her community and to keep her husband's tools in the hands of other craftsmen instead of in the landfill.

She couldn't have known, but her gift came at a critical time. It gave the Surplus Sale a steady stream of donations even as we had to shut down with the initial wave of the pandemic. Thanks to this and other generous gifts, the Surplus Sale kept its doors open through most of this past crazy year, raising funds to keep those Habitat hammers swinging on the Leaseburg home. Sharon passed away last fall, and the Surplus Sale is still selling the last of Kenneth's tools.

We have another home to build. If you have tools or materials you no longer use, consider donating them to the Surplus Sale. Contact Tara Wimer, Surplus Sale Manager, at 208-882-5246 for more information.

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the Hansen family home
in Uniontown!

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Home Repair Program: Ramps & Rails Serving through the Pandemic

This time last year, with all the unknowns of the pandemic looming, Palouse Habitat Board of Directors committed to continue to serve our community while taking the steps needed to protect the safety of our crew. Over the subsequent months, the Surplus Sale and home build teams had to reduce hours and even pause as needed, but the Home Repair Team kept right on working, thanks to being a small group working exclusively outdoors.

This program focuses on exterior accessibility improvements or repairs for low- and very low income-homeowners around the Palouse. We install permanent or temporary ramps and hand rails, and repair steps, porches and decks to make sure elderly or physically challenged individuals have safe access to and from their homes. To date, we've served 93 homeowners around the Palouse.

This doesn't happen without an amazing team. A big thank you to our Home Repair volunteers Brent Bradberry (Coordinator), Carolyn Adam, Anthony Elliott, Kathy Slinker and Marcus Smith. Thank you also to the Moscow Central Lions Club volunteers who work along side us. And, we very much appreciate funding provided by the Disability Action Center Northwest, the United Way of Moscow/Latah County, the Pullman Hospital Foundation Women's Leadership Guild, the Alternative Giving Market of the Palouse, and individual donors to make this program possible.



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Palouse Habitat Surplus Sale

1:00-5:00 Wednesday-Friday
10:00-5:00 Saturday
208-882-5246
Call for pick up and delivery!

Wonder what's new at the Surplus Sale?

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Vision: A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Mission: To serve our neighbors in need by working to eliminate poverty housing on the Palouse and worldwide.

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