

Notes from the Build Site

One of the best things about my job is being able to share good news with you, and I have some very good news to share. Things are returning to almost normal on the build site. The pandemic seems to be easing up, all of the Codgers have been vaccinated, we have community volunteers and businesses scheduled for the build site for the first time in over a year, and work is progressing really well. Even with all of the challenges that we have faced in the past year, our organization has remained strong and we are looking forward to a very productive year. As always, I have to give credit to the Codgers. They are the backbone of our organization and we couldn't do what we do without them. I also need to thank everyone for your generous donations at Beans 'n' Jeans. We definitely couldn't do anything without your generosity.

This year we have been doing a few things differently than our normal schedule. For the first time we are working on two houses at the same time. This has been possible because our lots are side by side. We are in the final stages of the Leaseburg home and just getting out of the ground with the Hansen home. One great benefit of this is that because of the pandemic and delays in homeowner selection the Leaseburgs missed the beginning stages of their home so they are completing their "sweat equity" hours on both homes, and get to be part of the entire construction process from start to finish.

In the Leaseburg house we are currently installing the flooring. Interior painting is complete, the cabinets are on site and will be installed as soon as flooring is finished, and that leaves just a few things to do before we complete the home. Thanks to cooperative weather, we were able to get the Hansen foundation completed earlier than normal. We celebrated the start of the build with a small Groundbreaking Ceremony March 26th, officiated by Resonate Church Pastor Matthew Young. I'm happy to report that Kyas moved dirt like a pro. By the time you read this we will have the underground utilities done, the foundation will be back filled and the lot will be graded. We should start framing in the next few weeks.

We have two big challenges ahead. First is that we have a few open spots on the Codger Crew so I am asking for your help. If you or anyone you know might be interested in having a lot of fun and doing something very rewarding, please come out and join us. We are there two days a week—some come only one day—Thursday or Saturday. All skills levels are welcome. Visit the website palousehabitat.org/volunteer for details or contact April in the office at volunteer@palousehabitat.org.

Our second big challenge, and it's a BIG one, is the outrageous price for building materials. You have probably heard about it on your news. Our materials have gone up by 300 to 600%. We are estimating this will add \$20,000 to the cost of this house. We raised enough to get the Hansen home 'in the dry' at Beans 'n' Jeans. We have enough to get the roof on, the walls and exterior siding up, doors and windows in. But right now we do not have the funds to finish the home, and we don't even know yet what the final price tag will be because materials keep going up. You can help us stay on schedule - use the donation form below, a quick gift online at palousehabitat.org/donate. We are going to need a little extra help this year to finish Kyle and Kyas' home.

Dave Stradley

Construction Supervisor



Construction Supervisor Dave Stradley checks the layout for the footings for the Hansen home.



Celebrating the Hansen Groundbreaking: Dave Ostrom, Dave Stradley, Cathy Blood, Kyas Hansen, Kyle Hansen, Pastor Matthew Young.

(from left) Excavating the Hansen home. Tom Gooch sanding drywall joints. Carolyn Adam and Brent Bradberry installing footing forms. Concrete pumper pouring footings. Mason Linscott rolling out drain tile. Dave Stradley testing drywall stilts with Dan Hardesty and Tom Gooch as they prepare to tape and mud drywall in the Leaseburg home. Bob Behal installing drywall screws. Roger Willemsen installing drywall corners. Codgers with Kyle Hansen finishing freshly poured footings. Breanne Leaseburg, Roger Willemsen, Tom Gooch and Dave Stradley installing shoes and walers on the Hansen foundation form. Dan Hardesty layering waterproofing on the Hansen foundation. Breanne Leaseburg cutting drain tile to fit the Hansen foundation. Kelcey Leaseburg applying the second coat of drywall mud. Bailey Nielsen sanding drywall mud.



Yes, I can help build the Hansen Home!

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Help Wanted!

The Surplus Sale is expanding hours in July!

Volunteers needed W-Th-F 10:00 to 1:00

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Meet Eldon Hodges

In May we welcomed Eldon Hodges as our new Store Manager. Eldon was born in Lewiston and grew up in Palouse farming, raising cattle and hogs, and riding motorcycles. His parents still live on the ranch in Palouse. He went to Utah in 1998, with aspirations of becoming a ski bum. Eldon ended up at Snowbasin Ski Patrol for several years. During this time, he started a family, raising 3 sons in Ogden and then Palouse. From there, he studied Nursing at Weber State University in Ogden. Eldon spent the next 20-plus years as an ICU and ER nurse. Since leaving health care over ten years ago, he has farmed, worked building maintenance, and sold hardware and lumber. Eldon works so he can finish his life-long goal of fishing the entire Kelly Creek Drainage and is looking forward to returning to backpacking and mountain biking since his knee replacements. He also serves at the pleasure of his dogs, Pearl and Reina.



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