

## Notes from the Build Site

I have some good news, some bad news, and then more good news. Let's start with the good news. We had a dedication for the Leaseburgs just a couple of weeks before Christmas. I can't think of a better Christmas present. After some well deserved time off over the holidays and waiting for electrical and plumbing inspections, we are finally back to work on our second house in Uniontown. The plumbers finished the rough in. Jim Fredenburg, our electrician, got all of the electrical roughed in and we got the line set installed for the mini split HVAC. We passed all of our inspections! Thanks to the hard work of the Codger Crew and community volunteers, we were able to install all of the wall insulation in one day and we are currently hanging sheetrock. This team is absolutely awesome and they always seem to exceed my expectations. Now that things are getting somewhat back to normal, it is really great to have volunteer groups back on the build site.

Now for the bad news. Just over a month ago we lost one of our Codgers. Roger Willemssen passed away unexpectedly. Roger was a longtime member of our team. He was a good friend, a mentor to many and one of the finest craftsmen that I have had the pleasure of working with. He has left a huge hole in our hearts and he is missed every day.

So how about a little more good news? We welcomed a new team member, Jacob Maurin. Jacob is working with us half time for the next 3 1/2 months through the Rural Resources employment program, to learn the construction trade. We are in the planning stages of our next house in Moscow. The future homeowner is Aimee Martinez, and I am looking forward to working with her. Darryll Sherman, a local architect, donated his time and talent to design the home. The City of Moscow awarded Palouse HFH up to \$20,000 to cover the costs of permitting and water and sewer hook ups, terrific support since we expect the Martinez home to cost \$171,000 to build. Which brings me to my last point—Beans 'n' Jeans is just around the corner. Please dig a little deeper this year. We cannot do what we do without your help. Visit [palousehabitat.org/events/beans-n-jeans](http://palousehabitat.org/events/beans-n-jeans) for information.

Thank you all!

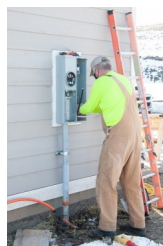
*Dave Stradley,  
Construction Supervisor*



Dave Stradley installs sheetrock at the Hansen home with Chris Montfort.



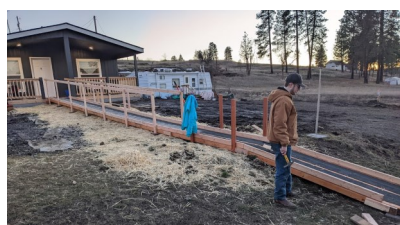
Codger Crew member Roger Willemssen, the consummate craftsman, seen here touching up drywall mud on the 2019 Kruger home in Palouse, WA. Roger passed away unexpectedly December 28th. He is sorely missed.



Dave Ostrom (Project Manager, Safety Officer and Board Member) hands the house keys to Kelcey and Breanne Leaseburg at their home dedication celebration. Bert Smith and Courtney Smith (no relation we know of!) install insulation baffles at the Hansen home. Volunteer electrical contractor Jim Fredenburg working on the meter box. New Codger member Mike Haseltine cuts insulation with missionary volunteer Elder Slaughter in the background. Codger Belinda Sell sets drywall screws. Jacob Maurin's first day on the job and already using power tools. Plateau Archaeological Investigations volunteer team was terrific help! Come back anytime!

## Habitat Ramps and Rails Program—what is it all about?

In keeping with the guiding principle of Habitat for Humanity that everyone should have a decent place to live, we have added a corollary: every homeowner should have safe and accessible entry to and from their home. We work with low- and very low- income homeowners around the Palouse, repairing porches and stairs, adding handrails, etc—and mostly by installing ramps. Sometimes a ramp is needed for a short time (a person may have a knee replacement and be in a wheelchair for a few weeks, or a longer time (an older person may need to use a walker permanently.) We install modular ramps, either aluminum or wooden, depending on availability and whichever is more suitable for the situation. Modular ramps are designed to be both installed and removed easily and re-used elsewhere so we can lend ramps with no charge, just like checking a book out of a library.



A wooden ramp installed in Malden, WA

We work as a team with the Disability Action Center Northwest, and the Moscow Central Lions. DACNW has purchased a large number of aluminum parts, for which we provide storage, and the Moscow Lions have a team of experienced ramp experts who work with us on installation and retrieval. When wooden ramps are appropriate, we build the modular parts with the Lions in our warehouse. From December 2021 through February 2022, despite the slowdown for the Christmas season and the COVID-19 surge, we were busy. We installed two wooden ramps and three aluminum ramps, retrieved two wooden ramps and two aluminum ramps, repaired a ramp (installed by another organization) and installed a vertical platform lift (not an item we offer regularly, but this was donated to us, and we've put it to use at two homes so far). There are now 60 ramp installations currently in use throughout Whitman and Latah counties. Since December, our ramp team has been in Moscow, Deary, Potlatch and Lewiston in Idaho, and St. John, Malden, Endicott and Diamond in Washington. We set a new record this past year—serving a total of 39 homeowners.

We meet Wednesdays at our warehouse on the south end of Moscow and travel together to the volunteer site. It's a good crew and we could always use an extra pair of helping hands. Join us! Visit [palousehabitat.org/volunteer](http://palousehabitat.org/volunteer) to learn more.

*Brent Bradberry,  
Home Repair Coordinator*

## I can help build the Martinez 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: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

### A few items from the Martinez home budget

Builder's Package.....	\$25,000
Cabinets and vanities .....	\$7,000
Construction Supervision.....	\$15,000
Electrical supplies.....	\$3,500
Excavation.....	\$4,100
Foundation and footings.....	\$5,500
Gutters.....	\$1,100
HVAC system.....	\$8,000
Insulation.....	\$3,960
Landscaping.....	\$2,500
Interior millwork & trim.....	\$2,500
Lunch for the build crew.....	\$1,000
Plumbing.....	\$10,000
Sheetrock.....	\$3,000
Trusses.....	\$6,500
Windows and Doors.....	\$4,000

Total expected cost: \$171,000

Many thanks for using your own envelope. Make checks payable to Palouse Habitat for Humanity and mail to Palouse Habitat for Humanity PO Box 3054 Moscow, ID 83843 or donate online at <https://palousehabitat.org/donate>



## Palouse Habitat Board of Directors

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## Welcome Rev. Lesli McGowen to the Board



Hello, my name is Lesli McGowan and I am fairly new to the Palouse. What a lovely place this is to live although I'm not really fond of the ice and cold. I moved to Pullman from the Boise area in 2019 when I was appointed to serve as Pastor to Simpson United Methodist Church and as Campus Minister to the Wesley Foundation at WSU. I have three lovely grown daughters: Madi in Boise; Cait in Perth, Australia; and Abbi along with her husband James and my first grandbaby, James, who live in Phoenix. Habitat for Humanity has long been one of the organizations I believe embodies Jesus' call for us to 'love our neighbor.' I have had

the privilege to serve on several build sites in the greater Boise area and outside of Tulsa, OK. I've also served for a partner organization called Help Build Hope that brings an entire community together to fund and build the walls of a Habitat home. I am excited to be able to serve alongside the wonderful board that represents our local Palouse Habitat for Humanity. This organization is a true blessing to our community. Grace and peace.

## Meet the 2022 Habitat Homeowner

Hello, I'm Aimee Martinez. Most people know me around Moscow as Sara Martinez's daughter or "the twin's mom." I'm a Moscow native, born and raised. I've traveled and lived in a few other places, but Moscow has ALWAYS been the place I call home.

I work in home health care, specializing in caring for people with dementia and Alzheimer's in their own homes. Although I have worked a variety of other jobs, I have spent most of my adult life working in some form of health care and I absolutely love what I do.

My twin sons, Tony and Alex, are currently in 7th grade at Moscow Middle School. They enjoy after-school clubs and sports, like Club Sawdust and wrestling. We love spending time outdoors, riding bikes on our local trails with our little dog, Grayboo, joining us in a front basket. We also enjoy geocaching and floating the St. Joe River with friends.

My whole family is excited to partner with Habitat. After living in rentals so long, worrying about the cost of rent going up, it feels great to know I can finally put roots down. I am so grateful to Habitat for Humanity for helping me build a beautiful home for my family. I feel extremely blessed to have been chosen. I'm looking forward to not only building a house, but volunteering more in my own community and paying it forward.



## Gifts in Honor and Memory

<b>Bob Wakefield</b>	<b>Jim Weddell</b>	<b>Carol Wallace</b>	<b>Roger Willemsen</b>
<b>Don Comstock</b>	<b>Don Harter</b>	<b>Sue Ritter</b>	<b>John Mix</b>

**BEANS 'N' JEANS**

The in-person event is **SOLD OUT!**  
Order a to-go box dinner and join us remotely, sponsor or donate to the auction!

Join us for the 14th Annual dinner and auction fundraiser to help build the 2022 home in Moscow!

Silent Auction online April 8—16th  
In-person event Saturday April 16

Palouse **Habitat for Humanity**  
Building homes, communities and hope.

In-Person Event: April 16th, 2022  
SEL Event Center  
Online Auction: April 8th-16th  
Prefer to join remotely? Order to-go box dinners and join the event via Zoom!

Ticket Prices: \$50/ticket!  
Sponsorships available  
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**DID YOU KNOW?????**

**Palouse Habitat for Humanity reaches important milestones this year, thanks to your support!**

Palouse Habitat has been serving those in need of safe, affordable housing since 1992.

**Time flies! On August 24th we turn 25!**

In that time we've:

- \*built 20 homes, with another almost complete and another about to start. Those homes provided 46 children a solid foundation and a safe roof under which to play and grow.
- \*launched the Ramps and Rails program. To date, we've provided safe access to and from 140 homes for seniors, veterans and other low- and very low-income homeowners with limited mobility.
- \*launched the Palouse Habitat Surplus Sale, a thrift store to provide a stable source of income to support Habitat's programs, offer the community an option for affordable home improvement and repair items, and help reduce the impact on our local landfills. The Store is 10 years old this year!

We'll be celebrating with a birthday cake at this year's volunteer picnic in August. With your help, the best is yet to come!



**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS**

*Building homes, communities and hope around the Palouse.*

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## Palouse Habitat Surplus Sale

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

Wonder what's new at the Surplus Sale?

Follow our Buy and Sell group on



**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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