

## Habitat wraps up 12th project

Make it a dozen.

Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County is putting the finishing touches on its 12th build. Dedication of Josh and Amber Goodman's home at 2 Jay Street, Seneca Falls, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday (Sept. 27). The public is invited. The Goodmans and their five children will spend their first night in the home next Wednesday (Oct. 1).

Volunteer George Nogle recently installed blinds and touched up some painting at the four-bedroom home.

As he packed up his tools in the kitchen, construction chair Lou Ferrara Jr. said the latest build is the largest Habitat has attempted and took the shortest

amount of time.

"It's 200 SQUARE feet larger than any home we've built," Ferrara said. "But we have a well-oiled machine, a group of volunteers and professionals who show up, know what they have to do and do it. And we've met a lot of new people on this job who really helped out."

Habitat volunteers now will turn their attention to a home on Miller Street in Seneca Falls that will be rehabilitated. It currently is being cleaned of debris through a coordinated effort between Ferrara and Eli Young at Seneca Meadows. Work on the project should start in October.

Habitat for Humanity works

in partnership with people in need to build homes or renovate existing homes to create decent, affordable housing. The houses then are sold to those in need at no profit and with no interest charged. Mortgage payments received by the affiliate are used to build more homes.

Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County is a locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built, rehabilitated, repaired or improved more than 400,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than two million people.

## Bits 'n Pieces

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miss a payment. Rent-to-own contractees may also not be eligible for homeowner assistance programs such as STAR rebates and weatherization. The aim of the presentation is to raise awareness of these and other risks of rent-to-own contracts which are not always well understood by contractees. It will be followed by an open discussion among participants on how to make low income people more aware of the realities of these contracts and the importance of seeking legal advice before entering into them. Social service agency staff members, representatives of local faith communities, public officials and all concerned residents are cordially invited to attend. A light breakfast will be served. RSVP for the event by contacting Laurie Konwinski at [LKonwinski@dor.org](mailto:LKonwinski@dor.org) or (315) 789-2235, Ext. 113...

Ford Memorial Library, Ovid, activities include Story Time, Fridays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Divergent Movie Party, Friday (Sept. 26), 5-8 p.m.; Knit & Chat, Mondays, 2-4 p.m.; Comic Creation Artist Reception, Monday (Sept. 25), 6-7 p.m. (refreshments provided); Windows 8.1, Tuesdays (through Oct. 14), 6-8 p.m. (space limited, registration required); LIFT After School Book Club, Thursdays, 2:30-4:30 p.m.; Game Club, Thursdays, 2:30-4:30 p.m.; Wii & Playstation, Thursdays, 4:30-6 p.m.; For more information about programs and collection

contact the Ovid library at (607) 869-3031 or [ovidlib@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ovidlib@rochester.rr.com)...

Disasters can strike at any time, and the American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to help their communities prepare for emergencies by giving blood during National Preparedness Month. The next public drive in the community will be held Saturday (Sept. 27), 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bill Cram Chevrolet, Seneca Falls...

Trumansburg Rotary's first public chicken barbecue of the fall will take place Saturday (Sept. 27) at Trumansburg Farmers' Market. Chicken halves, long marinated in Cornell barbecue sauce and grilled to perfection, will be \$6; dinners, with coleslaw, salt potatoes, and grilled bread, are \$9, and will be available from 11:30 a.m. until they're gone. The barbecue is a fundraiser for the group's work with local youth, education, arts and health programs supported by the club, as well as for international programs focused on health, development, and world-wide understanding and friendship. ...

**ROSE HILL MANSION Food & Wine Celebration**, the Geneva Historical Society's annual celebration of the region's food and wine, will be held Saturday (Sept. 27) at Rose Hill Mansion from 5-7 p.m. As the sun begins to set over Seneca Lake, guests will enjoy the tastes of autumn, with hors d'oeuvres and wine graciously provided by area res-

taurants and wineries. Tickets for the evening are \$30 per person and are currently available at the Geneva Historical Society Office. Call (315) 789-5151 for tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Proceeds from the event will be used to support the Society's programs and the operation of its properties...

Come enjoy local food and wine, a reading and book signing with author Rochelle Bilow and a chance to meet fellow foodies! *The Call of the Farm* is the fast-paced story of Bilow's rollicking year as part of the crew of a small, full-diet farm in central New York, as she immerses herself in caring for livestock, growing vegetables, working the farm-stand and, as the designated cook, preparing each day's meals. Bilow, author of *The Call of the Farm: An Unexpected Year of Getting Dirty, Home Cooking, and Finding Myself* will be joining Wagner Winery, Lodi, for this special event celebrating local farmers and wineries, sponsored by Finger Lakes Wine Country, Wagner Vineyards and The Experiment publishing company. She will be there Sunday (Sept. 28) from 2-5 p.m. ...

Meet Penny the gray kangaroo, Sidney the parma kangaroo and Beatrice the bush-tailed betong in a live animal Kangaroos! program at Seneca Meadows Education Center, Seneca Falls, next Wednesday (Oct. 1), 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person/\$15 per family. To register, call (315) 539-5624...

Online found at [www.beverlyanimalsheteronline.com](http://www.beverlyanimalsheteronline.com)/ where most of your questions can easily be answered.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to come and meet the wonderful creatures in person. The shelter is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily except Wednesday and Sunday. The store is open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. For questions, call (315) 539-9357 or e-mail [beverlyshelter@yahoo.com](mailto:beverlyshelter@yahoo.com).



Construction Chair Lou Ferrara Jr. packs his tools as Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County completes its 12th home.

## Save Energy, Save Dollars

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Seneca County is offering a free workshop, *Save Energy, Save Dollars*, to learn money saving tips for your home or apartment this winter.

During this workshop participants will learn no-cost and low cost ways to conserve energy, how to make a home more energy-efficient and how to get help weatherizing a home. Each participating household will also receive an energy-saving kit

worth \$15.

The program will be held at the Seneca Falls Library, Oct. 8, starting at 6 p.m.

This workshop is free, however due to limited space, registration is required. Call the Seneca Falls Library at (315) 568-8265 or Seneca County Cornell Cooperative Extension office at (315) 539-9251 or e-mail [pap11@cornell.edu](mailto:pap11@cornell.edu) to reserve your seat and energy kit.

## Brockway benefit planned

Friends and community members are planning a benefit for Tammy Brockway, popular DJ, limousine driver and extreme couponer who recently suffered a stroke. After a time in a hospital in Sayre, PA, Brockway is recuperating at home.

The ziti dinner will be from 5-8 p.m. Oct. 18 at Finger Lakes Family Moose #823, Waterloo, across from HEP Sales. There also will be raffles, prizes and DJ music throughout the evening.

"We are proud of the progress Tammy is making," said her sister-in-law Sheila Harris.

"But she has a long journey ahead of her. She has done so much to help so many people. Now it is time for us to help her."

Advance sale tickets, at \$10 each are available at the Moose Lodge, Finger Lakes Gifts and Lounge in Geneva, or by contacting committee members Harris, (315) 729-1091; Fred Brockway, (315) 521-5873; or Kadra D'agostino, (716) 725-8535.

**TICKETS WILL BE \$12** at the door.

For more information, or to donate, contact Harris at 315-729-1091.

## Pets in need of love

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shelter is to be able to reunite the lost felines with their owners. Many types of collars are available for cats. See Jenkins for more information.

**IF YOU HAVE** lost your dog or cat, do call the shelter. Do not wait for an advertisement of "found dog/cat" to appear in the newspaper.

Be a responsible pet owner. Spay and neuter your pets to pre-

vent more unwanted animals.

Keep in mind when you enter the shelter grounds to adhere to the 5 MPH speed limit. A very sweet but deaf cat who had lived at the shelter for 17 years was killed because someone sped through the drive.

Yes, you can still view pets on [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com), but have you had difficulty getting more up to date information on Beverly Animal Shelter? There is always the very informative Beverly Animal Shelter