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Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County

Groundbreaking June 15

The groundbreaking ceremony for the affiliate's third house, to be built on Black Brook Road in Tyre, will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 15.

The event will include

the family selected for the house, Patricia Dishaw, her son Daniel and her daughter Stephanie Ellis, who is a co-applicant.

Groundbreaking and dedication ceremonies

are an important time for the various Habitat supporters in the community to come together and mark the occasion.

Everyone is welcome to attend. See the map for the location.



Strategic Planning effort under way

Several board members and others were involved in the first step of a process of strategic planning for the affiliate on a Saturday morning in April.

Guided by Paul Hoffman, our Affiliate Support Manager, the group explored the strengths and weaknesses of our affiliate and began the effort of looking for ways to use the strengths to reduce the

weaknesses.

The consensus of those present was that our major problem as we look forward is a lack of volunteers to carry out the affiliate's work, from the committee and fund raising work to the actual construction effort.

We have more than 400 people, people who have expressed interest in help-

ing and/or donated to our affiliate, on the affiliate's mailing list but relatively few people are actively involved in our operations. While we have had a successful start as an affiliate, those who are involved know that they need more help so more Habitat homes can be built in the county.

The planning effort will continue.

Second county family moves into their Habitat home

Robert Baker's purchase of the house rebuilt last year on Route 96A in Ovid took place as expected in early March.

With the sale, the Seneca County Habitat affiliate has made it possible for two families in the county to move into their own homes, which are decent and

affordable.

Baker and his sons, Doug and Chad, moved into the house within a couple days of the closing.

Upcoming Dates

Golf Tournament

Wednesday, June 12

Silver Creek Golf Course
Waterloo

Groundbreaking

10 a.m., Saturday June 15

Black Brook Road
Tyre

Habitat Nights being scheduled

Habitat Nights are a new effort by the affiliate to increase the community support for Habitat in the county.

The programs are scheduled at various locations. The first one took place in Waterloo in April, and a second one took place in May in Seneca Falls.

Habitat Nights are intended as ways for community residents who are not now involved in Habitat to learn more about what we are doing

and see how they would like to get involved.

While the sessions to date have not drawn significant numbers of people, those who have attended have expressed a sincere desire to become involved in our work and that's what the events are for.

If you'd like, you can encourage people you know who might be interested in Habitat to attend a future session.

June is a busy month For Habitat in the county

Several events during June will feature Habitat in Seneca County.

The 4th annual Habitat for Humanity Golf Tournament will be on Wednesday, June 12, at Silver Creek Golf Club in Waterloo. The annual event is our major fund raiser each year.

In addition to the groundbreaking for our 2002 project in Tyre on June 15, Hab-

itat will be featured in booths at the Interlaken Old Home Days on Saturday, June 8, and at CanalFest in Seneca Falls on Saturday, June 15 and Sunday, June 16.

Volunteers are needed to help with the booth during CanalFest; contact Lucille Cook at the number given above if you can help for a couple hours.

Habitat also will be the

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Committee	Chair	Phone
Development	Menzo Case	568-1880
Construction	Ed Leonard	568-2135
Family Partnership	Joyce Sinicropi	568-5933
Family Selection	Judy Toombs	568-9125
Church Affiliations	Rev. David Gramkee	568-5203
Public Relations	Martin Toombs	568-9125
Site Selection	Marilyn McDougal	539-8427
Volunteers	Lucille Cook	568-8133

subject of a talk on Sunday, June 30 at the First United Methodist Church in Waterloo.

That invitation arose from the Habitat Night which took

place in April in Waterloo.

If you belong to a group that would like to hear a talk on Habitat, let Marty Toombs know and a session can be arranged.

Affiliate Receives \$16,340 SHOP Grant

The affiliate has received a \$16,340 grant to help with the construction of our next two houses.

The grant — which is 75 percent a grant and 25 percent a no-interest loan — is from the federal Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program.

The grant of federal money came through Habitat for Humanity Interna-

tional. Application forms were filled out last fall by the Site Selection Committee and word of the grant came during the winter.

Since the grant is federal money, it can only be spent on the purchase of land and infrastructure expenses. For the Tyre house, the money will be used for site preparation, well and septic systems.

Half of the money is available for each house.

The affiliate has to repay 25 percent of the total amount, but the rest of the aid is a grant.

The affiliate has one other grant application pending which may provide additional assistance for the house being built this year in Tyre.

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