# Businesses join project to build Habitat home

flew as three men speedily installed the drywall on a Habitat for Humanity home currently being built in Wyoming County for a low-income family in

Reggie Vieczorek, owner of Wyoming Drywall, assisted by his son, Reginald John Vieczorek, and a colleague, Niles Cokely, Jr., recently donated a day and a half of their labor to Habitat for Humanity in order to hang all of the drywall in the three-bedroom ranch home. The elder Vieczorek also donated an additional three days of his time to do finish work and spackling. The overall contribution of time and labor was worth more than \$3,000.

"It would have taken us two eks to do the work that they in two days — and they did a beautiful job," said Habitat board president Karen Weese. "Thanks to them, we're going to be able to stay on schedule and get the family moved in in time for Christmas.'

Habitat homes, built primarily by volunteers with as much donated materials as possible, are sold to low-income families at no profit to Habitat. As a requirement of the Habitat program, homeowner families must put in more than 400 hours of their own labor on their homes, and after moving

**Christmas bird count** 

Hammers pounded and dust in, they make payments on a special 0 percent interest mortgage offered by the non-profit organization.

GemCo Home Improvement Products in Tunkhannock assisted in the home-building effort by donating a portion of the drywall materials

Other area companies have helped with construction of the home. In addition to the financial contributions of such companies as Procter & Gamble, People's National Bank, Wachovia National Bank, Home Depot, and a recent fundraiser by Twig's Café and Restaurant, Habitat also received these donations of labor and/or materials: Excavating services from Adams Enterprises (\$3,000); a discount on carpet and linoleum from Ken-Mar Home Furnishings (\$1,000); windows from Sickler's Home Supply (\$600+); paint from Dana's Hardware (\$300); excavating services from J&K Vandemark Enterprises (\$300+); drywall compound and corner bead from Gemco Home Improvement Products (\$100); grass seed from Bennie's Nurseries (\$100); and a 10 percent discount on all purchases from Lowe's in Dickson City. Habitat also received a \$4,500 discount on the purchase of a plot of land from Kintner Modular Homes.



Linda Churchill of Tunkhannock recently joined a group of community volunteers in painting the Habitat for Humanity home currently being built in Washington Township, Wyoming County. Churchill is one of several volunteers who are putting in hundreds of hours of work in order to have the home ready for its new owners by Christmas.

# Memorial and honor books donated to library

The following memorial and honor books were recently accepted by the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

In Memory of Joseph S. Allen, "100 Years of the World Series" by Eric Enders, presented by Alice Gocek. In Memory of F. Joseph

Funke, "Mountains Beyond Mountains" by Tracy Kidder, presented by WVIA Employees. In Memory of F. Joseph Funke, "The Road to Home" by Vartan Gregorian, presented by WVIA Employees.

In Memory of Dr. Peter G. Decker, "Selected Poems" by William Shakespeare, presented by The Harrington Family.

In Memory of Dr. Peter G. Decker, "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom, presented by The Harrington Family.

#### **HONOR BOOKS**

In Honor of Mrs. Louise Govin, "Reflections" by Barbara Bush, presented by Mr. and Mrs. John Conyngham III.

In Honor of Mrs. Louise Govin, "Sweet Caroline" by Christopher Anderson, presented by Mr. and Mrs. John Conyngham III.



#### **Girl Scouts help BMT Library**

Girl Scouts from Troops 2627, 2661 and 2622 recently spent an evening at the Back Mountain Memorial Library making ornaments for the first annual giving trees. The ornaments sell for \$1 to \$25 and may be placed on two trees located in the library. All proceeds will help the library purchase new books from the "Wish List."

Pictured from left, first row: Alex Napierkowski, Kelsey Blaskiewicz, Kristen Justice, Emily Polachek. Second row: Ashleigh Nap, Andrea Carr, Victoria Mihal.

The 44th annual Dallas Christmas Bird Count, sponsored by the Greater Wyoming VAlley Audubon Society, will be held Saturday, December 20. An approximately 177 square mile circle area will be divided among teams of volunteers, with some starting before dawn in search of owls and others taking other portions of the day. Counts can even be taken at home bird feeders.

Newcomers are welcome to join a team or to participate as feedcounters. To join, contact Jim Hoyson at 696-4925 or at bird-

### **Noxen Depot restoration meeting**

The public is invited to attend a meeting of the All Aboard Committee for the Noxen Depot Project. It is being held on Tuesday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Old School in Noxen. Help is sought from businesses, volunteers and interested parties as this project prepares to enter Phase II, the completion of the interior of the Depot. A slide show and discussion will cover the completion of Phase I, needs for Phase II and plans for an open house and winter sleigh ride. Light refreshments will be served. Call the North Branch Land Trust at 696-5545 for directions and informa-

## **Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises** onors long-term employees

Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, Inc. recently honored employees celebrating 25, 30, 35 and 40-year service anniversaries at a dinner held at the Westmoreland Club in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Among the employees honored were: Danette Fedock, Meshoppen; Lesa McCormick, Tunkhannock; Donna Baloga, Dallas; Fay Stroud, Sweet Valley; Patricia Wenrich, Lehman; Dale Estep, Shavertown; John Simchick, Shavertown; Ronald Dziadosz, Dallas; Robert Johnson, Harveys Lake; Wayne Devine, Harveys Lake; Joseph Wyberski, Dallas; Frederick Mahle, Dallas; William Bevan, Tunkhannock; Mark Barlow, Dallas; Carl Cumberland, Hunlock Creek; Richard Jones, Dallas; Theresa Jones, Dallas; Janice Lohmann, Dallas.



### **Masons donate to Food Pantry**

The Free and Accepted Masons of George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531 recently donated \$500 to the Back Mountain Food Panty at their November stated meeting. The donation assisted the Back Mountain Food Pantry in providing Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in the community. Pictured from left, front row: Walter Meade, Coordinator of Food Pantry, Sylvester Traver, Master of George M. Dallas

Lodge No. 531. Back row: Wally Gosart, George Gaylord, Food Pantry assistants, Barry Wagner, Junior Warden of George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531 and Reverend Michael Bealla, Pastor of Trucksville United Methodist Church. Absent from the photo was Robert Wagner, Senior Warden George M. Dallas Lodge

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Horwatt resides in Dallas with his wife Joan, and three daughters, Megan, Morgan, and Meredith.

Charlee Trantino of Harveys Lake has just returned from Branson, Missouri, where she successfully completed the course in personal property appraisal at the Certified Appraisers Guild of America.

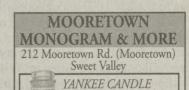
The concentrated course is conducted by the Certified Appraisers Guild of America which is North America's expanded business largest trainer of personal prop-

# **Back Mountain Senior Citizens**

The Back Mountain Seniors meet once monthly, on the first Thursday of the month, starting at 1 p.m. in St. Therese's Hall at Pioneer Ave. and Davis Street in Shavertown.

Work on sleeping bags for the homeless starts at 12 p.m. before each meeting.

For information call Lil at 696-1828 or Marie at 696-3095.



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