

Habitat breaks ground for fifth home in Wyoming County

Habitat for Humanity recently broke ground on a new building project in Wyoming County: A modest, three-bedroom ranch home in Mehoopany that will soon become home to a low-income family in need. The house will be the fifth Habitat home to be built in the county.

Organizers from the non-profit, non-government group hope to construct the new house throughout the summer and finish it by the fall. Like all Habitat houses, the Mehoopany home will be constructed using the labor of local volunteers, as well as the labor of the future homeowners, who must put in 400 hours of "sweat equity" on their home prior to moving in.

"It's been a long-time goal of ours to build a home every year, so we're really excited to have built up enough momentum to hit that stride this year," said Karen Weese, board president of Endless Mountains Habitat for Humanity, the chapter serving Wyoming County. "The need in the community is huge: More than 15 percent of the kids in Wyoming County live in poverty, and we always have more applicants than we have houses."

Materials for Habitat homes are provided through donations from the local community, either donated by local businesses or paid for with financial contributions from area individuals, civic groups, and churches.

As he did last year, Ben Adams of Adams Enterprises donated the excavation services needed to dig the hole for the home's foundation, and a number of other vendors from last year plan to provide assistance again as well: Reggie Vieczorek of Wyoming Drywall has again agreed to donate the hanging and finishing of the drywall, and Ken Price of KenMar Home Furnishings in Meshoppen will again be providing a major discount on flooring. Perez Construction of Tunkhannock has offered to do the rough carpentry work for the whole house. Repeat financial contributors such as Procter & Gamble, People's National Bank, Tunkhannock United Methodist Church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and the Tunkhannock Junior Women's Club are helping to fund the construction of this year's Habitat home.

Anyone interested in volunteering or making a financial contribution, or in donating materials, call Karen at 836-3067. All skill levels are welcome.

Franklin Twp. ordinance restricts open burning

The Franklin Township Board of Supervisors would like to remind Township residents that the Burning Ordinance remains in effect. Residents are allowed to burn on weekdays from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. and on weekends and holidays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The burning is to be confined to a furnace or incinerator. The burning of hazardous matter, including, but not limited to, any petroleum, hydrocarbon, plastic, or chemical matter, not normally considered as generated by the average household on a daily basis, is not permitted. For a complete copy of the ordinance, contact the municipal secretary at 333-5131.



Space Day for Brownies participants are pictured first row, from left: Ashley Strazdus, Taylor Hodle, Emily Bania, Caitlin Gill, and Jillian Viercinski. Second row: Stephanie Baines, Leah Popple, Joanna Wallace, Amanda Pizano, Courtney Wagner, Victoria Fulton, Kellie Meehan, Alyssah Dombek, Mary Martin, Abbie Bendick, and Deidre DeLuca. Third row: Lauren Kelly, Debra Ketchner, Sophie Olson, Megan Johnson, Samantha Marquart, Molly Gilligan, Olivia Marquart, Amanda Touey and Heather Mines.

Cadette Girl Scout projects touch sky, cancer patients

Third year Cadette Girl Scouts in St. Therese's Troop 2480 from Shavertown were busy recently helping the community and other scouts.

Samantha Marquart completed the requirements for her Silver Award by holding a Space Day for Brownies at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas.

Sam, a dedicated NASA aficionado, showed the Brownies how astronauts live on board the space shuttle, had them taste some real space food, and let them try on coveralls similar to the ones that astronauts wear. The day culminated with an outdoor rocket launching display.

Fellow Cadettes who helped at the event were Heather Mines, Amanda Touey, Debra Ketchner, Olivia Marquart, Molly Gilligan, and Sam's friend Lauren Kelly.

Rachel Symons also completed her Silver Award project with a trip to Gold's Gym to participate in a yoga class with members of Candy's Place, a community support center for cancer patients and their loved ones. Candy's Place is dedicat-



Cadette Girl Scouts and members of Candy's Place yoga class are pictured with Nicole Madden in front. Second row from left are: Lauren Yurko, Rachel Symons, and Amy Vozzak. In rear: Marge Romanowski, Sherry Riley, Charlene Zeckowski, Kathy Sweetra, Pat Mattern, Sharon Kuncio, Jean Kolojchick, president, Candy's Place, and Penny Cunningham, founder.

ed to the memory of Candice Vincent-Mamary.

Rachel presented members of Candy's Place with pink crocheted scarves. The scarves were made over the last several

months by fellow Cadette Scouts and friends in an effort coordinated by Rachel to help heighten awareness of the fight against breast cancer.

Memorial, honor books donated to library

Back Mountain Memorial Library announces the addition of memorial and honor books.

In Memory of Zigmund F. Rutkowski, "Coal: a human history" by Barbara Freese, presented by Tom and Dee Shone.

In Memory of Joseph Ostrowski, "A Good Day's Fishing" by James Prosek, presented by Ann-Marie Charney.

HONOR BOOKS

In Honor of The Tea Group Members: Maria Augustine, Sally Davenport, Mary Ann Hopkins, Florence Sherwood,

Joyce Stocker, Denise Williams, "A Spectacle of Corruption" by David Liss, presented by Audrey Ide.

In Honor of Shirley Forney, "Rachael Ray: 30-minute meals get together" by Rachael Ray, presented by Alice H. Sallada.

In Honor of Shirley Forney, "Comfort Foods: Rachael Ray's 30-minute meals" by Rachael Ray, presented by Alice H. Sallada.

In Honor of Mrs. Morag Michael, "I Spy Ultimate Challenge!" by Walter Wick, presented by Ethan P. Edwards.

In Honor of Mrs. Morag Michael, "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein, presented by Max Gordon.

In Honor of Mrs. Morag Michael, "If You Give a Moose a Muffin" by Laura T. Numeroff, presented by Lee W. Eckert III.

In Honor of Mrs. Morag Michael, "Ten Little Ladybugs" by Melanie Gerth, presented by Katelyn DeAnthony.

In Honor of Mrs. Morag Michael, "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" by Bill Martin, presented by Ben O'Connell.

Dallas Township recycling site open daily

The recycling site for yard waste in the rear of the township building is for residents only. Acceptable items include leaves, grass, twigs and yard

waste. No stumps, logs or kitchen trash will be accepted. Violators will be prosecuted.

Recycling hours are from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays,

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; 8 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. The site is closed Sundays.

Farm market vouchers available to seniors

The Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming counties will distribute farmers market nutrition vouchers this week. To be eligible, the following requirements must be met:

- Be a resident of Luzerne or Wyoming County. Proof of residency may be required.

- Be at least 60 years of age.

- Meet income guidelines based on total 2003 income of \$17,224 for singles and \$23,107 for couples.

- Provide a Social Security number.

Signing as a proxy for someone unable to attend a distribution site is allowed with the following guidelines:

- Limit of two proxy signatures per person.

- A note from the person being signed for must be present, including their signature and Social Security number, attesting that they meet the eligibility requirements.

Distribution will begin at the Wyoming County Senior Center, 101 Dymond Terrace, Tunkhannock, Monday, June 7, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., and will continue through Friday or until the supply of vouchers is exhausted. There is a limit of four, \$5 vouchers per person.

An agency representative will distribute vouchers at the Dallas Senior Center, 22 Rice St., and at the Falls Senior Center, Rt. 92, Falls, on Friday, June 11 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Free legal services for Reservists

As National Guard and Reserve units are called up to serve the Armed Forces of the United States, the Military Affairs Committee of the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association/Luzerne County Bar is available to provide legal services where needed.

The pro bono service includes preparation of wills for soldiers, sailors and airmen. The service is also available to assist these individuals and their families with problems related to their call to active duty, and legal affairs which may require their attention during their physical absence from home.

The committee is also available to assist lawyers in the management of their legal cases during their call to active duty.

For information call the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association at 822-6712.

'Market' donations sought

Contributions of items for the Meadows Nursing Center Auxiliary's "Market on the Pond" may be brought to the center June 12 between 9 a.m. and noon. Books, cookbooks, movies on tape or DVD, music cassettes or CDs, computer and video games are all suitable for the Odds and Ends booth. No clothing, please. The event will be held June 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, call 675-8600, ext. 195.

Jackson Twp. taxes due

Face value will end June 28 for Jackson Township property taxes. The tax office will be open the following hours: June 25, 3-7 p.m.; June 26, 12 noon-2 p.m.; June 28, 3-7 p.m. If these hours are inconvenient, call the township office at 675-8371 to schedule an appointment.



Brownies visit TV studio

Brownie Troop 3965 from Lehman-Jackson Elementary School recently went on a tour of WNEP TV. Their tour was hosted by meteorologist Noreen Clark. The girls were treated to a tour of the station and the newly renovated Channel 16 "backyard." Shown in the backyard are the girls from the troop who went on the tour: From left, first row: Katie Yoniski, Karli O'Brien, Samantha Sabol, Jessica Campbell and Rachael Hohol. Second row: Noreen Clark, Julia Sabol, Lauren Melnick, Kassie Keiper, Niki Chamberlain, Kayley Bedford, Brianna Headman and Samantha Lindley.

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