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Christmas renews our faith in goodness

Another Christmas—the self-same stars in the night sky overhead, the same pleasant scent of pine and fir needles, the flashing colored lights, a blazing fire in the fireplace, the frosty air and the traditional carols played on radio and TV.

The decorated Christmas tree, the stockings hanging from their regular spot. The same mouthwatering odor of holiday baking fills the air and the same Christmas bowl is filled with cookies.

'Tis the same but not the same. Three small red stockings fill the place where once hung a large red stocking. Life goes on, children grow to manhood and put away childish things, weary eyes close gratefully on Christmas past.

The high tide of the year washes upon the shores of memory, bringing with it the sands of forgetfulness, washing away bitterness, filling the heart with the awareness that it has all happened be-

Back Mountain glimpses

By Charlot M. Denmon

fore, and that it will all happen again. For one brief moment all men are brothers and all time is one.

It is the time to reaffirm our childhood belief that the world is beautiful, that bright and happy times are in the future, that love envelops us and that tradition has joined a link between the past and the present, that all things are possible.

It has happened before—for one magic moment the babe who lies warm in his crib is the babe in the manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the babe for whom there is no room in the inn.

We see a great light and we wonder how we could have forgotten, in the rustle and bustle of preparation that this is the Eve of

promise. It has happened before—today, yesterday, thousands of years ago and in the dawn of time.

The miracle of birth, life where there was no life. The children with clear eyes shining, eagerness undaunted by foreboding, looking to their parents to make the world a universe where they may walk unafraid.

As adults we look back on our childhood when all wisdom, goodness, all things bright and beautiful were symbolized by our fathers and mothers, keepers of the keys. The eternal triangle, foundation of life.

Today, yesterday, at the dawn of time—"Behold, I show you a mystery. Christ was born then, now and forever."



MOSTLY BASKETS - Roxanne Bailey, owner of the new Mostly Baskets shop in the Towel Outlet Plaza along Route 415, Dallas, stands among one of her favorite displays of baskets of all varieties she has in the shop. (Photo by C.M. Denmon)

'Mostly Baskets' offers a variety of choices

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Mostly Baskets, a shop featuring just that 'Mostly Baskets' was opened October 26 by Roxanne Bailey of Dallas. Roxanne carries a wide variety of baskets from tiny natural or dark brown colors to large multi-colored in all shapes. The baskets from fancy, custom decorated by Roxanne to simply laundry or waste baskets come from all areas of the world, includ-

ing Trinidad, the Philippines, Mexico, the Orient, Europe, India, Canada and the United States.

There are baskets designed as mail holders, flower or plant holders; baskets to fill with food items for Christmas gifts and baskets to spark the imagination for that different Christmas gift for the person 'who has everything'.

For the holidays Roxanne also has a full line of Christmas items such as wooden ornaments, ceramic mementos, wreaths and

many more.

Formerly a hairdresser, this is Roxanne's first time in the retail business and she finds it interesting, exciting and challenging. She has some artistic talent and puts it to use by filling baskets with certain items or floral arrangements customized to suit her customers.

She is currently open Tuesday through Sunday and as the holiday draws nearer is seriously considering remaining open Monday.



CHRISTMAS SHOW - Cast members shown in photo are, from left, first row, Heather Adams, Renee Zeglin; second row, Paul Deebie, Beth Ann Delescavage; third row, Andy Johnson, Erin Johnson, Matt Sleightholm. Absent when the photo was take was Jason Getz.

Shavertown Methodist sets holiday services

Worship Services for the fourth weekend of Advent will be held at the Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 North Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown as follows: Saturday, Dec. 23, 5:30 p.m., Chapel Service; Sunday, Dec. 24, 9 a.m., Chapel Service; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m., Worship Service.

For Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24, there will be two services held as follows: 7 p.m. "A Service for the Young and Young at Heart", with carols, candlelighting, and Holy Communion. Special music will be presented by Tara and Ed Pall, and Nathan Santos. A Pageant, "Why the Chimes Rang," by Raymond Alden, will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Zeglin.

The Traditional Worship Service will be held at 10 p.m. with carols, candlelighting and Holy Communion. Prior to the service, at 9:30 p.m. a special prelude of vocal and instrumental music will be presented. Soloists for the whole service will be: Gloria Miller, Jack Rogers, Erik and Jason Santos, Bob Nattress, Jason Getz, Trudy Chappel, Mary Baker and Corine Casterline. The Festival Choir, directed by Ros Santos will present several anthems, including "And the Glory of the Lord" from the Messiah by J.F. Handel, accompanied by Charlotte Casterline.

Library adds many new memorial books

The Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, announces the addition of the following memorial books to their collection.

In memory of Amber Jo Nicely, "Looking at Dolphins and Porpoises" presented by Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Out-Patient Dept. Nurses.

In memory of Daniel John Daley, "Secrets Aren't (always) for Keeps" presented by Julie and Jennifer Miers.

In memory of James E. Durkin, Sr., "Lafayette, Hero of Two Worlds: The Art and Pgeantry of His Farewell Tour of America, 1824-1825" presented by Jane and Austin Howard.

In memory of Mildred Kear, "Reading the Numbers" presented by T. R. Rosenn.

In memory of Heather Billman, "Classic Children's Games" presented by Mrs. Lorraine Symons.

In memory of Richard H. Rudolph, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" presented by Polly H. Wielage.

In memory of Russell W. Frantz, "The Apple Core Guide to the Well-Built House" presented by Jean McCulloch Major and T. Bryce Major.

In memory of Amber Jo Nicely,

"Friends and Lovers"; "James Beard's Theory & Practice of Good Cooking"; "Word for Word"; "50"; "The Infant of Prague"; "Barrier Island", presented by The Dallas Lions Club.

In memory of Mr. Russell W. Frantz "American Business: A Two Minute Warning" presented by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Kiley.

In memory of John Connolly, Sr., "Doing Well by Doing Good" presented by Catherine Wolcicki.

In memory of Dr. John Blase, "Brick, Stone and Concrete" presented by Kate Newhart.

In memory of Daniel Waters, "Chapters in Wyoming Valley History" presented by Bernice W. Begey.

In memory of Mr. Larry Cowett, "Dark Marathon"; "Pennsylvania's Historic Places"; Lincoln-

"Speeches and Writings, 1859-1865"; Lincoln - "Speeches and Writings, 1832-1858" presented by Barclay, Ayers & Bertsch Co.

In memory of Leonard Cowett, "Wyoming Valley Trolleys" presented by Mr. and Mrs. William Bergstrasser.

In memory of Mr. Leonard Cowett, "Photographer's Market" presented by Dale and Carol Jones.

In memory of Mrs. Alice Kutish, "Embroidery" presented by The

Embroider's Guild.

In memory of Daniel Waters, "The MacMillan Illustrated Encyclopedia of Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Animals" presented by David and Carolyn Gallaher.

In memory of Nan Bowen, "Rabbit Makes a Monkey of Lion" presented by Lindsay C. Robinson.

In memory of Mr. Franklin Gager, "Predatory Dinosaurs of the World" presented by Michigan Millers Mutual Insurance Company.

In memory of Ernest Kassab, "Ships-in-Bottles: A Step by Step Guide" presented by Ed and Sandy Dressler.

In memory of Russell W. Frantz, "The New Realities: In Government & Politics" presented by Corky and Bill Conyngham.

In memory of Russell W. Frantz, "Carousel"; "The Biggest Truck" presented by Mr. and Mrs. John S. Lopatto, Jr.

In memory of Russell W. Frantz, "Sheep on a Ship"; "Do Not Disturb: the Mysteries of Animal Hibernation and Sleep" presented by Mrs. Rose Frantz Davis.

In memory of Mr. Russell W. Frantz, "I Can Be a Farmer"; "I Can Be a Forest Ranger" presented by Agnes and Betty Gregson.

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