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They have also supported his efforts to be involved in the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association as past president, the Luzerne County Chiefs Association, the NE Pennsylvania Chiefs Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Chief Miers will be pursuing yet another career in the private sector, but one with ties to law enforcement. "I will miss the many friends I have made over the years," he said. "Law enforcement is a close-knit community. The groups get along. We work well together to support each other. I have enjoyed it and have seen the best and worst of society over the years. I guess I should write a book. I may have seen it all."

"When I first came on duty. We had no computers or typewriters. Reports were done by hand. We used CB radios. There was no mandatory training."

Chief Carl Miers
Dallas Twp. Police Dept.

The possibility of regionalization of police departments gets Miers's qualified approval. "If done right, it will work, and I support the effort," he said. "It will improve service to the community and eliminate overlapping coverage in some areas and no coverage in other areas. For instance, we could have more detectives for criminal work and more juvenile officers to assist our youth. We could save money on equipment. We could take existing joint manpower and reschedule our officers to reduce crime in high crime time frames and areas."

Chief Miers is married and has four daughters. He is looking forward to spending more time with his family. "I have spent a lot of time here on the job. It is my second home because as Chief you must be available constantly."

The long-time law enforcement officer has this message for youth: "Don't be part of the problem, be part of the solution. Always maintain your integrity. Some youthful mistakes could follow you the rest of your life."

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Christmas through children's eyes

Kindergarten and first grade students at Gate of Heaven School presented their annual Christmas play Sunday. They performed "The Songs of Christmas," by Kathy C. Bowen. In photos, clockwise from below: from left, foreground, Dominic DeGraba, John Patrick Butler and Michael Mazula, and background John Murray and Eric Yurko, dressed for their parts; Andrian DiGiacomo helped Reno DiGiacomo with his costume; Santa Reno with Wendy Greenwood; kitty singers Morgan Gilhoolley, Alyssa Belskis and Amy Guillion, who was hoping for the best; Mary, played by Erin Koscelansky, and Joseph, portrayed by Job Stepanski.

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