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George Darko counts out the days until Christmas for his mom, Rhonda Darko, his grandmother, Pearl Race, and Mrs Claus (Mary Hopfer) at a holiday gift shop held at the Old Noxen School.

Shopping with Mrs. Claus

Mrs. Claus, aka Mary Hopfer, showed up in full dress last Saturday as children poured into the old Noxen School to take part in the annual Mrs. Claus Gift Shop sponsored by the Noxen Historical Community Association Inc. Coordinated by association president Cathie Pauley, the gift shop has been held for five years and allows children to pick out gifts for anyone on their Christmas list. Money raised from the project is used toward the restoration of the Noxen school which is a nationally registered historic building.



Kaelyn Traver found the perfect gift for her sister and wrapped it at the Mrs. Claus Gift Shop held in the Old Noxen School building.

Courtney Crispell, of Noxen, gets a hug from Mrs. Claus (Mary Hopfer) at the Mrs. Claus Gift Shop held last weekend in the Old Noxen School. The gift fair is a fundraiser for the Noxen Historical Association.



'A Christmas Carol' comes to MU stage

The classic Charles Dickens holiday favorite, "A Christmas Carol," comes to life in five performances at Misericordia University through December 11.

This family musical, professionally presented by Northeast Youth Theatre Company, will feature Jamie Kurtz, formerly of the well-known Nebraska Theatre Caravan's Scrooge production, in the role of Ebenezer, along with 40 highly theatre experienced and talented young people.

Five performances will be held at the following times: Sunday,

Dec. 9, 2 p.m. seats will be available at the door; Monday, Dec. 10, 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m.

All seats are reserved. The box office reservation service can be reached at 675-4333. The box office opens on site 45 minutes prior to the curtain. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for teens/college students/senior citizens and \$6 children for under 12 years. A group discount is offered to community groups. For school groups of 10 or more, the cost is \$5 a seat.

You can donate blood Monday

The American Red Cross will conduct two blood drives in the Back Mountain Area on Monday, Dec. 10.

The first drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Lehman Campus of the Penn State University. While this drive is on campus, it is an open drive and all are welcome.

The second drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. at Irem Country Club. The Dallas Baptist Church is sponsoring this drive and

homemade "goodies" will be served at the canteen.

The Red Cross requests that all donors bring identification and their Red Cross Blood card. First-time donors will receive a card after their first donation. Anyone 17 years of age, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health is eligible to donate.

A pre-scheduled appointment can be made to reduce the time needed for donating by calling 823-7164, extension 2150.

DHS students are busier than ever



Months of constant testing, homework and quizzes at Dallas High School were halted

last week with the interjection of Thanksgiving break. Just days before the holiday slumber, however, DHS students displayed no hint of deceleration.

Drama Club presents 'Pink Panther'

Members of the Dallas Drama Club constructed props and rehearsed lines in preparation for their production of "The Pink Panther" on November 16 and 17.

Under the direction of Dallas history teacher Harry McKeown, the play's stars produced flawless performances to an auditorium swarming with guests. Both humorous and engaging, the play was well received by audiences.

Christopher Jayne performed a hilarious rendition of the lead character Chief Inspector Clouseau, alongside freshman Jonathan Wallace who portrayed Clouseau nemesis Dreyfus with brilliance.

As seductive Russian spy Olga, senior Hanna Grube stunned the audience with her accuracy as Clouseau's love interest.

Dallas High School senior Chris Jayne has attained the lead role in numerous high school productions.

In his final year, Jayne stated of his acting passion, "Performing allows you to completely change yourself. Really, you can get away with doing things you would never normally do. Especially with 'The Pink Panther'; the comedy is so physical and outlandish. As an actor, this play was very fun to perform."

Keep watch for the drama club's next classic theatrical rendition, which will be put to the stage this spring.

Holiday concert today

DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

ROSEMARY SHAVER

Dallas High School's band and chorus are heralding in the winter holiday season with a combined holiday concert at 3 p.m. this afternoon.

Performing classic holiday tunes, the members of Dallas's choral and band organization are sure to force a little holiday spirit on all present.

Community members are encouraged to attend this gathering of holiday cheer.

Homeroom decorating contest announced

Never before has Dallas High School been so ripe with holiday joy. Efforts by DHS Principal Mr. Jeffery Shaffer made possible a seasonal homeroom decorating contest this fall for Halloween and the same is to be done this winter for the holiday season.

Within the next few weeks, Dallas students will adorn the hallways with sparkling holiday lights, colors of green and red and other classic holiday images.

Not making an appearance in Dallas High School for quite a few years, a holiday tree will also be erected in the cafeteria.

Breakfast with Santa

In addition to spreading cheer amongst the student population, Dallas High School's Student Council will open its doors to the community for a Breakfast with Santa on December 22.

Some students are even reaching out beyond the Back Mountain community.

Winter clothing being collected

Juniors Preston Balavage, Drew Clouse and Frank McGee will collect assorted winter clothing items December 11 for their completion project.

All items collected will benefit the deprived children of the Crow reservation in South Dakota.

Anyone who has spare winter items suitable for children between the ages of 8 and 16 is asked to drop them off at the high school. Monetary donations are also being accepted in room 18.

Such activities are sure to morph the bland hallways and classrooms of Dallas into a comforting learning environment, as well as endorse lending a hand to those in need.

Classrooms for the Future

Another endeavor carried out by DHS this fall is a program referred to as Classrooms for the Future. A team of teachers and administrators visited North Pocono High School this October to investigate the possibility of adopting their Classrooms for the Future program.

Dallas has since been awarded the extremely competitive "Classrooms for the Future" grant.

With this \$260,000 grant state-of-the-art computer hardware and software will be inducted into the building.

Among the new technologies to be purchased are laptop computers for students, Promethium interactive boards and projectors for our classrooms and constant professional development for our teachers.

Eleven classrooms and 14 teachers will directly benefit from the use of these applications in their classrooms. Students, however, will receive the most from the new program as they will be taught technological methods that they can carry far beyond Dallas High School.

Christmas break approaching

December 21, our final day of school before Christmas break, is approaching far more swiftly than could be imagined; try to stay focused until then.

Rebecca Shaver, a senior at Dallas High School, is a school correspondent for The Dallas Post.

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