



Lisa Castanaro sings "The Perfect Tree."

## Welcome to Pleasantville, Any State

The Apostolic Faith Tabernacle on Village Road in Orange was transformed into Pleasantville Any State, USA recently as the congregation held its Christmas program.

In Pleasantville, there was a church, a general store, a bank, a barber and even a shoemaker.

During the program, participants showed how Pleasantville not only has the Spirit of Christmas, but also has the Spirit of Christ.



Cheryll Culver sings "Christmas Shoes."



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## Mrs. Claus makes a stop in Noxen

It was an early Christmas for some children on December 6 when the Noxen Historical Community Association held its annual Mrs. Claus Gift Shop at the old Noxen School. Proceeds from the gift shop will benefit the N.H.C.A. building project.



Above, Mrs. Claus (Mary Hopper of Noxen) gives a toy to 19-month-old Jacob Musser, of Tunkhannock. At left, Tiffany Hettes of Noxen wraps gifts that will be given to young children.



Linda Chorba sings about baby Jesus with Haley Chorba, left, and Willow Walter.



Michelle Chorba sings to Curtis Walter, left, and Hayley Chorba about the gift exchange.



Frank Chorba introduces the characters and the setting of Pleasantville.

## BACK MOUNTAIN WOMEN ON EXECUTIVE BOARD



Three local women are on the 2008-2009 executive board of the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre which celebrates its 75th anniversary next year. Junior League is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of women and children throughout Luzerne County. Membership is open to women ages 21 and older. The League consistently provides financial and volunteer support to community organizations, including the Nurse-Family Partnership which helps low-income pregnant mothers through children age 2, Ruth's Place shelter for homeless women and Daffodil Days for the American Cancer Society. From left, are Junior League 2008-2009 Krystin Conrad, Dallas, corresponding secretary; Joan Zelnick, Wilkes-Barre, president-elect; Cynthia Johnson, Scranton, president-elect; Catherine Mihalick, Shavertown, president; and Amy Maseychik, Dallas, treasurer.

## CIVIC BRIEFS

### Fund-raising drive helps to feed horses

R.E.A.S.O.N (Retired Equine Adoption Society of the Northeast) is holding a fund-raiser asking people to send Christmas cards, Hanukkah cards and seasons' greetings cards, all with \$1 enclosed, to horses at the society. The cards will hang in the barn and weekly photos will be posted on [reasonhorse-rescue.com](http://reasonhorse-rescue.com)

Donations from the holiday card drive will be used for hay to feed the horses throughout the upcoming winter months and towards spring fencing needs which should cost approximately \$3,000.

Cards can be sent to: R.E.A.S.O.N., RR2, BOX 379 Harvey's Lake, PA. 18618

### Visit horses at REASON

Anyone in need of holiday cheer is invited to stop by the R.E.A.S.O.N. (Retired Equine Adoption Society of the Northeast) barn at Harveys Lake from noon to 5 p.m. today, Dec. 21, to visit with the horses who love candy canes and Christmas cookies.

Holiday decorated horse shoes at \$10 and cork horses at \$5 are available for purchase.

### Legion sponsors essay contest

Dallas American Legion Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 is sponsoring its annual Essay Contest for high school students in grades 9 through 12. All Back Mountain students are eligible to participate.

This 74th annual essay contest is held in conjunction with

the Pennsylvania American Legion. This year's topic is "How Can We Expand Our Energy Resources?" There are monetary prizes at the local, district and state levels.

Scholarship awards are presented to the three state finalists in the final round of state competition. The first place winner will receive a \$3,500 scholarship and plaque, the second place winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship and plaque and the third place winner will receive a \$2,000 scholarship and plaque.

Interested students may contact their school office or call Commander Clarence J. Michael at 675-0488. Deadline for submission is February 6, 2009.

### Auction committee seeking donated items

The Nearly Old Booth and Attic Treasures committee members want to remind Back Mountain residents that unwanted Christmas ornaments, sleds, toboggans, wood skis and poles, snow shoes, leather ice-skates and ice fishing gear are being accepted for the 2009 Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

Before storing unwanted items for another year or discarding Christmas decorations that are no longer useful or in the best condition, consider donating them to the auction. All items, which are tax deductible, can be taken to the library on Huntsville Road, and should be marked "Nearly Olde Booth."

### Music Box presents

### Christmas program

The Music Box Players present "A Festival for Christmas" (featuring the musical "The Gifts of the Magi") today, Dec. 21, at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St, Swoyersville.

The bar opens at 1 p.m., buffet dinner is at 1:30 p.m. and curtain is at 3 p.m.

For more information, call 283-2195.

### Blood drive at Irem Temple

A blood drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 22, at the Irem Temple Country Club. This drive is sponsored by the Dallas Baptist Church. Ladies of the church will serve homemade goodies to all donors.

### Contra dance planned

A New England Contra dance sponsored by the Chicory House and the Folklore Society at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Church of Christ United, Sprague Avenue, Kingston, will feature music by the Warrington Family Band and caller Bob Nicholson. No partner or previous experience is necessary.

Admission to the dance is \$8 for adults and \$20 for families. For more information, call 333-4007.

### Support group meets

The Dallas Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8, in the board room of the Meadows Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas.

## DBC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HOLDS FOOD DRIVE



The children's Sunday School class of the Dallas Baptist Church recently organized and promoted a food drive in an effort to reach out to the needy in the community. Members of the class are, from left, first row, Joey Chaga, Jacob Mattive, Stephanie Chaga, and Leigh Pagnotti. Second row, Krystin Chaga and Hannah Mattive. Third row, Isaac Mattive. Absent at the time of the photo were Tara Patton, Ronnie Ziomek, Brandon Wasser, Maia Bulford, Mark Bulford and Kyle Long.