

AMERICAN LEGION HOLDS CHILDREN'S PARTY



Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 held a Children's Christmas Party. Santa Claus arrived on a firetruck and distributed presents to all of the children. Here, Santa gives a gift to Keerstyn Tabor.

NUTCRACKERS ON DISPLAY AT LIBRARY



Jordan Nichol's nutcracker collection was on display during the month of December at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The son of Sirena Radley and Tim Nichol, Jordan is currently an eighth-grader at Dallas Middle School. The 13-year-old has been collecting nutcrackers for 4 years and says his grandmother "MeMe" was the person who first got him interested in collecting them. His favorites are the cast iron nutcracker and the one with the candle. "I have 44 nutcrackers from two inches up to 24 inches tall and I also have nesting nutcrackers," said Jordan. Shown here with Jordan is his friend, Khadayah Whitaker, who helped set up the display.



Nicole Clemson of Dallas, the 2009 PA State Fair Queen, is shown at the Harrisburg Farm Show with Governor Ed Rendell, left, and Department of Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding.

Clemson visits Farm Show

Nicole Clemson of Dallas, the 2009 PA State Fair Queen, recently attended the Harrisburg Farm Show's opening ceremonies and Governor's Reception prepared by the Iron Chefs of PA, along with Luzerne County Fair Chairman Judy Kmetz, Mike Kmetz, and her mother, Trudy Clemson. Along with Governor Ed Rendell and Department of Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding, Clemson distributed winning ribbons for the Hershey and Apple Pie Contests, along with

other show activities.

In addition, she will be the emcee for the Punxatawney Phil event and will also participate in the Celebrity Cow Milking Contest at the Farm Show.

These will be her last events before she gives her final farewell in Hershey on Saturday, Jan. 23, as she relinquishes her crown to the 2010 PA State Fair Queen.

Clemson is a freshman at the University of Scranton, aspiring to become a veterinarian.



Residents of the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas, recently enjoyed a holiday party sponsored by the Meadows Auxiliary. From left, seated, are Anne Farver, Mary Comer and Dolores Turkovich, residents. Standing, Helen Stroud, volunteer; Jean Hillard, Nancy Space, activity director; Rosemary Swain, volunteer; and Heidi Marr, volunteer.

Holiday celebrated at Meadows

Each year the Meadows Auxiliary, Dallas, hosts a special holiday party for the 130 residents at the nursing and rehabilitation center.

The festivities include pastries and seasonal music provided by the "Noxen Choir." Auxiliary volunteers gathered together with residents to celebrate the season.

The auxiliary also sponsors an ice-cream social, pizza parties, coffee hours and various entertainers throughout the year for residents to enjoy.



Members of the "Noxen Choir" who entertained at a party sponsored by the Meadows Auxiliary are, from left, Emily Steltz, Dorrance Hubbell, Buzz Steltz, Rev. Linda Bryon, Helen Schwartz, Isabelle Butler, Audrey Patton, Margaret Holmgren, Mary Hopper, Marie Wilson, Jane Scott, Nancy Lane and Pearl Race.

CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD AT MERCY CENTER DALLAS



Mercy Center Dallas recently hosted its Christmas Party for the residents and auxiliary. The residents enjoyed refreshments, live entertainment and a gift from Santa Claus. From left, first row, are Mary Louise Fisher, resident; Sr. Gemma Brennan, resident. Second row, Dorothy Koscielski, Mercy Center Auxiliary member; Sr. Marina Culp, resident; Santa Claus (Mr. Gillespie, volunteer). Third row, Connie Brogno, Mercy Center Auxiliary member; Rosemarie Czerniakowski, Mercy Center Auxiliary member; Antoinette Jenkins, Mercy Center Auxiliary member; Mrs. Claus (Betty Gillespie, Mercy Center Auxiliary member); Dedra Deno, entertainer; and Al Deno, entertainer.

'Youth Salute' applications are sought

The Greater Wyoming Valley "Youth Salute" is accepting applications for the upcoming "Youth Salute" program.

High school juniors with a 3.5 GPA or above and are high achievers within their schools, churches or community can be nominated or ask to be nominated.

Youth Salute in its 27th year, is a not-for-profit program that works with businesses to promote a positive attitude with our youth.

This is accomplished by a traveling exhibit touring the county with profile displays of every youth nominee in the program.

Juniors in high school who meet the criteria for "Youth Salute" should contact their school guidance counselor for an application or download an application from the organization's Web site at www.youthsalute.com.

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