

COMMUNITY

Barbershop singers welcome members

The Wilkes-Barre Chapter of the Barbershop Singing Society will sponsor a "Christmas Carol Chorus" to perform during the upcoming Holiday Season, according to president Jerry Cookus of Pittston Township.

The local "Barbershop Harmony Chorus" will devote several rehearsals to review traditional Christmas Carols, to which area men interested in participating in this community-service project are encouraged to attend.

Rehearsal sessions are held at St. Aloysius Church, corner of Barney and Division Streets in Wilkes-Barre, starting at 8 p.m. on Monday nights, under direction of Raymond Patsko, Wilkes-Barre. Caroling rehearsal, one hour in length, will begin at 9 p.m. each Monday.

Project chairman, Robert Kressly, Wilkes-Barre, announced the "Christmas Carol Chorus" will entertain on Monday, Dec. 16 at various hospital and nursing homes locally.

Open invitation to attend rehearsals and participate in the "Christmas Carol Chorus" is extended to all area men, including students and retired senior citizens.

Historical Society adds hours

The Wyoming Historical and Geological Society Museum, 69 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre will be open Thursday evenings, Dec. 5, 12 and 19 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in addition to regular hours of opening: Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

According to Mary Ruth Kelly, the Society's Executive Director, evening hours were added as part of the overall holiday promotion of Downtown Wilkes-Barre.

The Museum currently features an exhibit of model trains and antique toys dating from the late 1800's to the 1950's (on display through January); an exhibit on the lumbering and ice-cutting operations of the "Ghost Towns" of North Mountain-Ricketts, Mountain Springs, and Stull; and a PA Humanities Council exhibit on Native Americans entitled "First Pennsylvanians;" in addition to permanent exhibits on Native Americans in Wyoming Valley and the Anthracite Era.

The Museum's Weathervane Gift Shop offers several local history publications, limited edition Christmas cards and many unique gift items. Raffle tickets for a Keystone Express complete train set, donated by Frank's Roundhouse, will be available until December 21.

The Historical Society Museum is open free of charge and all are welcome. For additional information, contact the Museum at 822-1727.



Yacht Club's Commodores Ball

Invitations have been mailed to members and guests of the Harveys Lake Yacht Club for the annual Commodores Ball. The event will be held Saturday, Dec. 28 at the Irem Temple Country Club. Those attending will gather for hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m., followed by a buffet at 7:30 p.m. Music from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. will be provided by Lee Vincent and his orchestra. Members of the invitation committee are, from left, Mrs. George Horwatt, Mrs. A. Duncan Whitehead, Mrs. Mabel Harter, Mrs. Sally Lehman and Mrs. Paul M. Rodda.

Tips for your pet's holiday health care

When you're decking the halls this holiday season, keep in mind the safety of household pets. Suggestions for keeping pets safe and healthy include:

- Pet-proof Decorating: Pets find holiday trimmings irresistible, so be extra careful in placing decorations.
- Fasten the Christmas tree to a wall or secure it another way to prevent the cat or dog from knocking it over.
- Hang breakables, tinsel, or other tempting decorations well out of paw's reach. Tinsel, ribbon, string, and ornament hangers are especially dangerous for pets to chew on.
- Make sure pets don't play with or chew on electric cords.
- Place holiday plants out of pet's reach. Many seasonal plants are poisonous, including mistletoe, holly, and poinsettias.

- Treats to Eat: Holiday foods may be tasty, but they aren't always a treat for pets.
- Poultry bones splinter and can be very dangerous for pets to chew.
- Ham and other pork dishes are rich, often upsetting pets' systems.
- Chocolate contains theobromine, a chemical that can be deadly to dogs. Never share chocolate or other candy with animals.

- Instead of people food, give pets a few of their favorite treats during special meals.
- Gifts and Goodies: Pets deserve presents, too, but choose safe toys that won't harm them.

- Avoid toys with small parts or those made of soft materials that pets can chew up and swallow.
- Avoid hard plastic dog bones. They can splinter or shed fragments that dogs swallow. Nylon-type chews are much better and last longer, too.
- Don't put catnip or other edibles in hanging stockings (especially if they're by the fire). ID tags, collars and leashes are better stocking stuffers.

- And don't forget needy animals during the holidays. Shelter animals always need donations of food and money.

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Dallas High class of '62 plans reunion in July '92

The 1962 graduating class of Dallas High School is planning their 30th class reunion to be held in July, 1992.

The following is a list of classmates we have been unable to locate: Sandy Ash Watts, Catherine Bossart Stuart, Jon Butler, Cheryl Foss, Gale Graves, Harold "Bucky" Harris, Barbara Hildbrand Wilson, Robert Keay, Dale Mosier, Susie Owens O'Brian,

Willard Parsons, Diane Payne, Robert Price, Morris Scheckler, Michael Soltishick, Stuart Stahl, Robert Wallace, William H. Welch, Judy Welsh Kelley, Bonnie West, Robert Wileman, Linda Wolfe Winder and Joseph Yagloski.

Anyone having an address for any of these people is asked to call Louise Sutton Arnold, 696-3608 or Glenda Williams Pomrinke, 675-1303.

Joe Plummer will put on a one-man 'Christmas Carol'

Joe Plummer will make his third holiday appearance for the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Friday, Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. - once again in a concert reading of Charles Dickens' immortal classic, "A Christmas Carol."

Plummer's performance will take place on the second floor of the First United Methodist Church, 47 North Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre.

Plummer plays all 37 parts in "A Christmas Carol" - from Scrooge to Tiny Tim. His text is an edited version of the script Dickens used on his reading tour of England and

America during the 1850's. Plummer is an assistant professor of Mass Communications at King's College. His seasonal performances of Dickens' work began during the 1960's and have taken him to Ohio, Massachusetts, New York and the District of Columbia.

Tickets are available for purchase \$6 for non-members, and \$5 for members, at the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, 49 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre. Since there is limited seating, please purchase or reserve tickets in advance by calling the Historical Society at 823-6244.

Religious services

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - 196 N. Main St., Shavertown. 675-3859. Pastor Harold R. Baer, Jr. Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month. Church School 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Tuesday Bible Study 9 a.m.

DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 4 Parsonage St., Dallas. 675-0122. Rev. Michael A. Bealla, Pastor. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sun. School 9:00 a.m.

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. 675-3616. Pastors, Rev. James A. Wert, Rev. Harriet L. Santos. Music Director, Rosento E. Santos. SATURDAY: 5:30 p.m. Chapel Service. SUNDAY: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services.

Wilkes University Orchestra will perform Handel Dec. 8

On Sunday, December 8, the Wilkes University Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Min Soo Chang, Assistant Professor of Music, will perform in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts at 3:15 p.m.

The program will feature student soloists and the university chorus in excerpts from Handel's

"Messiah" and a concert performance by Wilkes faculty members and flutist Nancy Stagnitta.

In addition to the Handel excerpts, the orchestra will perform the "1812 Overture" by Tchaikovsky. Messiah soloists include students Nathan Santos, tenor and Christopher Gallo, bass.

Community Singers can sing for groups

The New Community Singers are preparing a program of Christmas Music to be presented for clubs and organizations, and church groups Yuletide parties, as well as long term care facility residents. The theme of this year's program is "Christmas is a Feeling in Your Heart". The 20 member chorus is directed by Shirley Mahle and accompanied by Elaine St. Claire and will be accepting engagements during the last week of November and the first week of December. Arrangements for a performance can be made by calling Sister Ruth Neeley at Mercy Center, Dallas.

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