

Candlelight carols slated

The Shavertown United Methodist Church Fine Arts Series will present Carols by Candlelight at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16.

The concert will be an evening of carol singing accompanied by The Anthracite Brass Quartet, hand bells, piano and organ. The chancel choir, guest singers and four of the other choirs from the church will also sing and play special arrangements of favorite Christmas and Advent carols.

A reception will follow the concert and a free will offering will be received. All are welcome. The church is located at 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown.

For more information, please call 675-3616.



Members of the Children of the Light Choir who will participate in Carols by Candlelight at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Shavertown United Methodist Church are, from left, first row, Emma Oley, Emma Anselmo, Nicole Russell, Becky Andrews, Ally Rome and Greta Ketchner. Second row, Danica Schimmel, Thomas Ketchner, David Oley, Emily Carey and Ashley Kaleta. Absent at the time of the photo were Courtney Hoats and Courtney McCarthy.

Story of Frances Slocum debuts on Saturday

It's a story that Hollywood couldn't even write," says Penn State Wilkes-Barre Communication Arts and Sciences faculty member Bill Bachman.

It's the story of Frances Slocum and Bachman, along with two co-producers, are bringing the events of her abduction to life through an hour-long documentary.

According to Bachman, who wrote the script, "This is the most incredibly true story that Hollywood couldn't even conjure up. Our overall goal is to keep the Frances Slocum story alive." The movie features over 20 local actors and scenes from the film were shot on location in towns around Pennsylvania and Indiana.

The feature-length project details the time line of when Frances Slocum was kidnapped in Wilkes-Barre on Nov. 2, 1778. Eventually, she was taken to Ohio where she lived with a family of Delaware Indians. When Slocum got older, she married a Miami Indian chief and, from that point, went on to live a comfortable and prosperous life in Indiana until the time of her death.

"A lot of people don't know the story of what really happened to Francis Slocum," said Jesse Teitelbaum, executive director of

the Luzerne County Historical Society and one of the cast members in Bachman's film.

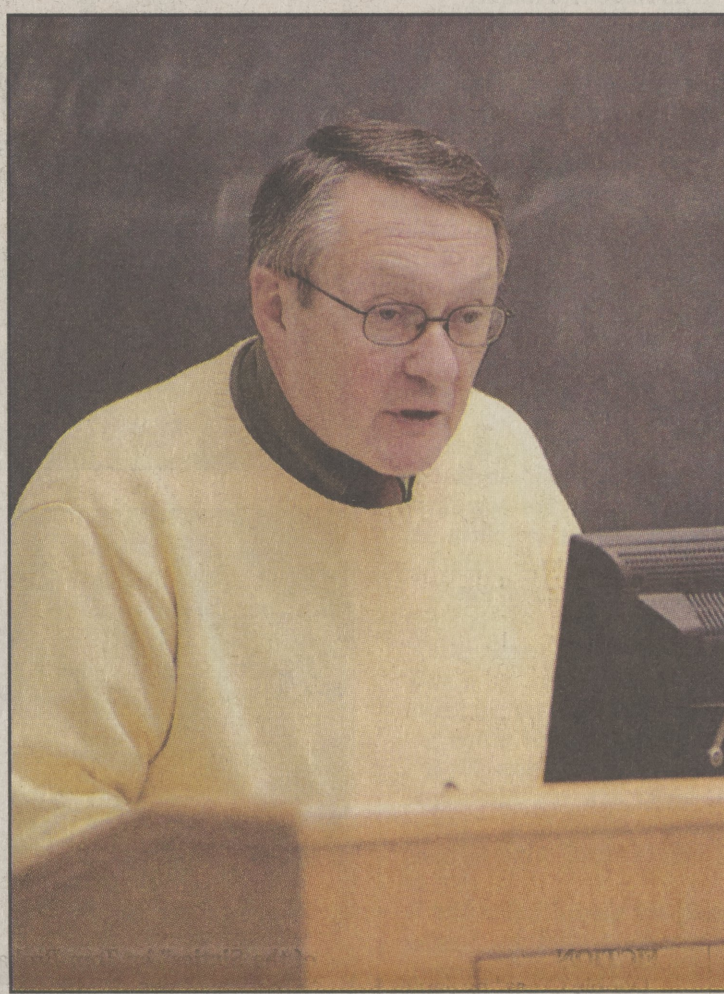
In the coming months, Bachman hopes to have the movie aired on the History Channel or other educational stations.

In the meantime, you can see the documentary "Frances Slocum: Child of Two Americas" on December 15 and 16 at the RC Movies 14 Theatres in Wilkes-Barre. Advanced tickets may be purchased by calling Penn State Wilkes-Barre Arts at Hayfield at 675-9232.

A long-time Arts and Sciences professor, Bachman, who lives in Dallas, began his teaching career in the Greater Wilkes-Barre area in 1982. He holds a Master of Arts degree from the New York Institute of Technology and is currently a full-time instructor at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

Outside the classroom, Bachman is no stranger to film-making and video editing. He's held numerous high-profile positions, such as the Public Affairs Director at WNEP-TV and Senior Director of Corporate Communications for Blue Cross.

For more information, contact the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Public Information Office at 675-9269.



Bill Bachman, a resident of Dallas and a full-time professor at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, has produced a documentary about the life of Frances Slocum that will be shown at Wilkes-Barre Movies 14 on December 15 and 16.

OBITUARIES

KOHL - Frederick M., 79, of Dallas, died Friday, November 30, 2007.

Born March 28, 1928 in Falls, he graduated from Kingston High School, Class of 1947 and played on the championship football team in his senior year.

Following high school, he served in the U.S. Army as an amphibious duck driver.

He was employed as a bricklayer.

He was a member of St. Nicholas R.C. Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are five children, Fred, of Dickson City; Mary Fey "Tootsie," of Brandywine, Md.; Christopher, of Shavertown; Timothy, of Kingston; and Carolyn Falzone, of Jenkins Township; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Ada Stoiber, of Massena, N.Y.; and Ann Kohl, of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 130 Wilkes-Barre Township Blvd, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

KUCZYNSKI - Andrew J. Sr., 61, of Swamp Road, Hunlock Creek, died Monday, November

26, 2007 at his home.

Born February 2, 1946 in Hunlock Creek, he was employed for many years as a delivery driver for The Citizens' Voice newspaper.

Surviving are his mother, Genevieve (Dauksis) Kuczynski, of Hunlock Creek; his wife of 40 years, the former Susan Young; daughter, Heidi Sayre, of Hunlock Creek; son, Andrew Jr., of Hunlock Creek; three grandchildren; sisters, Rose Deamon, of Florida; Charlotte Trusko, of Hunlock Creek; Veronica Schaffner, of Shavertown; Mary Ellen Scandone, of Massachusetts; aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Hospice Community Care, 601 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704.

METZGAR - Janet Kay, 69, of Trucksville, died Friday, November 30, 2007 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born May 12, 1938 in Trucksville, she was a graduate of Kingston High School, Class of 1956, and was a graduate of the Nesbitt Hospital School of Nursing.

She was employed as a registered nurse for over 40 years.

Surviving are her mother, Edith Evans McElwee; her daughter, Sara Marks, of Harveys Lake; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Memorial donations to the Hoyt Library, 284 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, Pa.

SIMONS-LUCAS - Mary L., 70, of Shavertown, died Thursday, November 29, 2007, at her home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a graduate of Kingston High School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

She worked in numerous areas of nursing, including hospital hospice and later finished her career in medical records at the Meadows Nursing Facility in Dallas.

While working in hospice care, she was elected by her peers as a Nurse of Hope.

She was a member of the Sister Act Choir Group, an outreach music ministry that performed at

many events throughout the state of Pennsylvania. She was also a faithful member of the Dallas United Methodist Church Choir.

Surviving are her son, John Simons, of Killingworth, Conn.; daughters, Susan Simons-Williams, of Shavertown; and Gail Wyberski, of Dallas; five grandchildren; sister, Susan Jordan, of Dallas; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the American Diabetes Association, Wilkes-Barre.

CIVIC BRIEFS

Pantry announces December schedule

The Back Mountain Food Pantry will close at noon on December 21 for the holidays after all scheduled food orders have been packed and picked up by registered clients. It will remain closed until Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Emergency calls should be directed to 696-3897 on December 27 and 28 only.

Insurance available to dock owners

The Harveys Lake Protective Association offers affordable ice insurance to dock owners at Harveys Lake. Participants must be members of the HPLPA.

Contact HPLPA at www.hlpaorg for a membership application or for more information.

Holiday decorating contest planned

The Kingston Township Recreation Commission is sponsoring a Holiday House Contest for all Kingston Township residents. There will be prizes awarded for the four winning houses.

Anyone interested in entering their house or nominating a fellow resident's home should call the Kingston Township Municipal Office with the name and addresses of nominees at 696-3809 no later than noon on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Judging begins at 6 p.m. on December 12.

'She Loves Me' comes to Music Box

"She Loves Me," a romantic musical comedy, will be presented at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St, Swoyersville, on December 9 and 13-16.

Tickets are now on sale for dinner and show or show-only.

Thursdays through Saturdays, the bar opens at 6 p.m., buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m., curtain at 8 p.m. For Sunday matinees, bar opens at 1 p.m., buffet at 1:30 p.m., curtain at 3 p.m.

Call 283-2195 or 800-698-PLAY for information and reservations.

Civil War Round Table to meet

The Wyoming Valley Civil

War Round Table will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13, in the lower level of the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post, Route 415, Dallas.

Father Charles Connor, historian of the Diocese of Scranton, will present his program "The Catholic Church in the Era of the Civil War."

The meeting is open to the public.

Legion plans Christmas party

The Dallas American Legion Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 will conduct its annual Children's Christmas Party from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Post Home on Memorial Highway.

Children will sing carols and receive presents from Santa Claus who will arrive at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Children ages up to 11 years of age from the Back Mountain community are invited to attend.

For more information, call Commander Clarence J. Michael at 675-0488 or the Post Home at 675-6542.

Franklin Township plans Christmas party

The Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company, 329 Orange Rd., will host its annual children's Christmas party at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive by firetruck after they tour the area looking for good little boys and girls. Light refreshments will be available and Santa will read a special Christmas story.

For additional information, call 333-5970.

Fire company plans New Year's Eve party

A New Year's Eve party will be held from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, at the Idetown Fire Hall, Route 415 between Dallas and Harveys Lake.

A ticket, priced at \$20 per person, includes a buffet dinner, refreshments, snacks, music by "Shadowpass" and party favors. Party-goers are invited to bring their own bottle.

For more information, call 574-0286, 762-7933 or 639-2231. The party benefits the Idetown Fire Company.

Carney's staff to visit Back Mountain

Congressman Christopher Carney has announced that members of his staff will be available in the Back Mountain from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the Dallas Borough Building, 25 Main St., Dallas.

Congressman Carney's Director of Constituent Services will be available to meet individually with constituents to assist them with any problems they may be having with federal agencies

and departments. The staff will be available to meet with anyone who would like to voice their opinion regarding federal legislation or policy which is pending or being discussed in Congress.

Anyone with further questions or concerns or who would like to schedule an appointment in advance is asked to contact Congressman Carney's Clarks Summit office at 585-9988 or toll free at 866-846-8124.

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