

# Barbershoppers plan vocal clinic



Promoting a vocal clinic scheduled by the Wilkes-Barre Chapter, Barbershop Harmony society are, Phil Brown, left, of Shavertown, assistant chorus director; and Ray Patsko, of Wilkes-Barre, chorus director.

A vocal clinic will be held Nov. 16 and 23 by the Wilkes-Barre Chapter, Barbershop Harmony Society.

Entitled "How to be a Great Singer," the clinic will take place in Brooks Estate Community Center, Wesley Village Campus, Pittston. It is open to area men interested in singing four-part harmony, accapella, without musical accompaniment.

Each session will begin at 11 a.m. and continue through 1 p.m. and will include necessary techniques valuable to vocal singing and learning of new songs. Sheet music and learning CDs will be provided.

For more information, call 570-285-4810.

## CIVIC BRIEFS

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A pancake breakfast sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 232 will be held from 8 a.m. to noon today, Nov. 3 at the John Paul II Parish Center (formerly Gate of Heaven gym) in Dallas.

Tickets for the breakfast of pancakes, sausage and beverage are \$5 and will be available at the door. For more information, call Trish Ash at 570-709-8136. All proceeds will support activities for Pack 232-Dallas.

### BINGO PLANNED

Bingo will be held on Monday, Nov. 4 at the Northmoreland Twp. Fire Hall in Centermoreland.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and early birds beginning at 5:30 p.m. Food and beverages will be available.

For more information, call Jim at 570-333-4906.

### MEETING CANCELED

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of Mountain Grange No. 567 for Nov. 5 has been cancelled. The group usually meets at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month in the Grange Hall.

### ELECTION DAY MEALS

Election Day meals will be served on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at the Northmoreland Township Fire Hall in Centermoreland.

Breakfast will be from 7 to 10 a.m. Lunch, including homemade soups and grilled cheese sandwiches, will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinner of chicken and biscuits, gravy, real mashed potatoes, vegetable and dessert will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

for more information, call Jim Gilpin at 570-333-4906.

### ALZHEIMER'S GROUP

The Dallas Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7 in the board room of the Meadows Nursing and Rehab Center, 4 E. Center Hill Road, Dallas.

### 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL' COMES TO MUSIC BOX

"A Christmas Carol," an original musical by Kevin Costley and Ted Anderson based on Dickens' classic

story, will be presented Dec. 5 to 8, 12 to 15 and 19 to 22 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyesville. For tickets, call 570-283-2195.

### CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR

A Holiday Craft and Gift Fair will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8 and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9 in the Irem Clubhouse Grand Ballroom, t 64 Ridgway Drive, Dallas. Items ranging from home decorations and body products to baked goods and handmade jewelry will be available for purchase.

Admission is free. Refreshments will be available for purchase in the Irem Clubhouse Restaurant and Pub. Call 570-675-1134, ext. 100 for details.

### BINGO PLANNED

A 50/50 Bingo will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Noxen School, School Street, Noxen.

Food and beverages will be available and players will pay per card. All proceeds benefit the Noxen-Monroe Sportsmen's Club.

For more information, call 298-2052.

### HAM DINNER PLANNED

The Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company will hold a family-style ham dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with takeouts beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the fire hall, 5383 Main Road, Sweet Valley.

Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 to 11 and free for children under the age of 6.

### COATS FOR KIDS

The Back Mountain Police Association will conduct its annual Coats for Kids drive from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10 at the Shavertown shopping Center.

### BINGO PLANNED

Bingo will be held on Monday, Nov. 18 at the Northmoreland Twp. Fire Hall in Centermoreland.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and early birds start at 6:30 p.m.

Food and beverages will be available.

For more information, call Jim at 570-333-4906.

### ROAST BEEF SUPPER

A roast beef supper will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the Northmoreland Twp. Fire Hall in Centermoreland. Takeouts will be available.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age and may be purchased at the door.

For more information, call Jim at 570-333-4906.

### LEARN ABOUT GREEN SPACE

Municipal and county officials, developers, home builders and interested citizens will have the opportunity to learn how communities across Pennsylvania are preserving their special open spaces, green ways and natural resources while achieving their development objectives.

Dallas Township, in conjunction with the North Branch Land Trust, will host a presentation entitled "Growing Greener: Conservation by Design" by Ann Hutchinson of the Natural Land Trust, Media, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21 at Misericordia University's Insalaco Hall.

The presentation will be an advertised public meeting so that our municipal officials may all attend.

### EASTERN STAR CRAFT SALE

The Dallas Chapter Eastern Star Building Association will hold its 21st annual craft and holiday gift sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23 at the Dallas Chapter Eastern Star Building Association Eastern Star Hall, Foster Street and Woodlawn Avenue, Dallas. Vendors are being sought and may rent an 8-foot table for \$15.

Eastern Star members will serve lunch, featuring homemade soups, whimpies, hot dogs, haluski and dessert and will sell their famous Welsh cookies. For more information, call Dianne Corby at 570-675-4893.



Adam James Moore, Maureen Hozempa and Tom Franko rehearse a scene from 'National Pastime.'

# Locals star in 'National Pastime'

Three Back Mountain residents are sharing the spotlight in a brand new bound-for-Broadway musical comedy at the Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre.

"National Pastime" is a musical comedy based at a radio station in a small Iowa town in 1933. It's during the Great Depression and the station is going broke, until the staff creates a fictitious baseball team that never loses. The result is a night

of pure fun, based on the snappy score and hilarious dialogue.

Maureen Hozempa, who plays one of a trio of jingle girls who sing live commercials throughout the show, says "this is an amazing opportunity to do something before anyone else." The Bishop O'Reilly/Wilkes University alumna added, "It is so great to be part of this creative process in developing a show."

Adam James Moore,

originally from Plainfield, New Jersey, came to the Wyoming Valley several years ago for a job opportunity. Moore sees his role as a Chicago "hit man" as "the chance to make history, a very rare opportunity."

Tom Franko, also a Wilkes grad, plays fellow mobster Joe. He has had major parts in "Spamalot," "Barefoot in the Park" and "Les Miserables." He is also delighted to have

the chance to be part of "something that is taking on a life of its own, being refined as we go and that someday may get to the Great White Way."

"National Pastime" shows at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and at 3 p.m. on Sundays at 3 pm through Nov. 10 at the Little Theatre, 537 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. For ticket information and reservations, call 570-823-1875.

## Volleyball

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Dallas, which was scheduled to play for the title Thursday night against Scranton Prep, landed one of the district's two state tournament berths when it avenged its only regular-season loss with a 4-2, home-field victory over Berwick in the District 2 Class AA semifinals.

Talia Szatkowski had three goals and an assist to give the Mountaineers a 4-0 lead with 24 minutes remaining. "Talia has the ability to score on just about any team in the league," Dallas coach Abe Lewis told the Times Leader. "In my opinion, she's the best player in the league, hands down."

Katie Snedeker had the other goal while Ashley Strazdus had two assists and Tiff Zukosky one.

Dallas defeated Holy Redeemer, 4-1, in the quarterfinals.

### DALLAS BOYS SOCCER

The Dallas boys soccer team went into the week needing two wins to make the state tournament because only the district champion in Class AA

boys advances. Dallas, which downed Honesdale, 5-2, in last week's quarterfinals.

The Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association ranks both Dallas teams just outside the top 10 in the honorable mention list of the state's best small school (Class AA and A combined) teams. The boys are listed among the state's best 16 small school teams and the girls among the best 19.

The number of remaining fall sports teams still active in the Back Mountain is dwindling.

The Dallas girls cross country team concluded its season Saturday at the state championships.

Lake-Lehman will begin the District 2 Class AA football playoffs this weekend. It concluded the regular season Friday night against Dallas.



Maria Chinikaylo digs the ball at the net for Lake-Lehman.



Brittany Acevedo, second from left, celebrates with her Lake-Lehman teammates after scoring a point against Crestwood.



Brittany Acevedo, right, celebrates a point with Lake-Lehman teammate Kahli Kotulski.

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