

Columbia County Historical & Genealogical Society Annual Meeting April 8, 2006, Saturday Evening at 6:00

The Society's annual dinner and membership meeting will be held at the Ridge Street United Methodist Church in Almedia. It will be a roast turkey dinner, served family style. Dinner reservations, \$12.00 per person, are required, and must be paid by April 1. After the dinner there will be a short business meeting followed by the program. Call the Society at 570-784-1600 or Bonnie Farver at 580-759-2968 to make your reservations.



Program

Civil War Era Music

Thomas Jolin

The trauma of the Civil War era produced a tremendous amount of music, as the nation mourned and sought relief from the deaths of over 600,000 Americans. Some of the songs and tunes were handed down from immigrant cultures, and others were newly composed. Themes often included the life of soldiers, domestic scenes, death, and abolition. Thomas Jolin will perform a selection of these works and discuss their origins, as well as the origins of the instruments of the period.

The Ridge Street United Methodist Church in Almedia can be easily reached from Bloomsburg by either taking U.S. Route 11 or the Old Berwick Road to turn on Ridge Street which intersects with both routes. It is approximately 3.3 miles east from the corner of East Street and U.S. Route 11 in Bloomsburg.

Tom Jolin plays traditional American music and has recorded six albums. He was a founding member of The West Orrtanna String Band, which was active from 1972 through 1987, and recorded two albums on Revonah Records as well as several short historic folk music segments for National Public Radio. From 1987 to 1998 he performed with the Orrtanna Mountain Steamers, which also recorded two albums. He is currently a member of the duet Orrtanna and a member of The Barnstormers. He performs on the hammer dulcimer, button accordion, banjo, harmonica, and more. Tom is also an instrument maker and has taught students around Pennsylvania how to make their own dulcimers and bowed psalteries. His is a graduate of the Wisconsin University at Eau Claire with a bachelor of arts degree.

The public is cordially invited to attend the dinner. This free program will begin at 7:40.

