

**CIVIC BRIEFS**

**Baskets for sale at BMT library**

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has baskets for sale the Holiday Corner. The library is located at 93 Huntsville Road in Dallas and is open from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The baskets range in various sizes, are decorated and undecorated, and are priced from 50 cents to \$5. Also for sale are flower arrangements, Easter and spring novelties, stuffed animals, a variety of Easter tins and cook books. The Slightly Used Bookshop is also open for business with many books for sale at reasonable prices. For the hours of operation, call the library at 675-1182.

**Families needed for Fresh Air kids**

The Fresh Air Fund's Luzerne/Wyoming committee has begun its annual campaign to find local families who are interested in helping provide free

summer vacations to New York City children. Since 1877, the Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency has provided free summer vacations to more than 1.7 million New York City youngsters from low-income neighborhoods.

For more information about how you can host a Fresh Air child, call Kim Sorber at 639-5972 or the Fresh Air Fund at 1-800-367-0003. You can also visit The Fund online at [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org).

**American Legion holding ham raffle**

The Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 Dallas American Legion will hold its annual ham raffle at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at the Post Home on Route 415. All proceeds will benefit the many community projects sponsored by the American Legion. For more information, including costs, call 675-6542 or commander John Emil Sr. at 675-4461.

**Easter Egg hunt set for April 9**

The Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. will hold an Easter egg hunt for children at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9 behind the fire hall on Orange Road. Refreshments will be served following the egg hunt.

**Civil War monuments topic of meeting**

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13 in the lower level of the Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 Dallas American Legion on Route 415 in Dallas.

The guest speaker will be John Deppen, a writer and past president of the Susquehanna Civil War Round Table. He will discuss the successful restoration of Civil War monuments in the Susquehanna Valley, including the Northumberland County Soldiers Monument, the Snyder County Civil War Soldiers & Sailors Monument, and the Company C, 47th PA Veterans Volunteers Monument. Deppen will share behind-the-

scenes stories, as well as useful resources for groups looking to undertake preservation projects on Civil War battlefields. The meeting is open to the public with a \$3 admission charge.

**Kunkle Fire Co. to hold breakfast**

The Kunkle Fire Co. will hold an all-you-can-eat breakfast from 5-10 a.m. Saturday, April 15 at the Kunkle fire hall. The cost is \$5 per person.

**Spaghetti dinner being held April 22**

The Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. will hold an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner from 4-7 p.m. Saturday April 22 at the fire hall on Orange Road. The dinners will include spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread and butter, beverage and dessert. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 7-12. Proceeds from the event will help support the company, including equipment and training.

**Babysitting course offered by Red Cross**

An American Red Cross Babysitting course will be offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22 at the Back Mountain Memorial Library on Huntsville Road in Dallas. Youth between the ages of 11-15 are welcome to register.

Interested participants must register in advance at the main desk of the library by presenting the \$40 program fee in cash or check made payable to the American Red Cross. Registrations will not be accepted on the day of the class.

Participants will learn to perform first aid and how to get professional medical help fast, identify common safety hazards and prevent injuries, perform basic care routines like diapering, feeding and dressing, handle bedtime issues and more.

A babysitter's handbook will be included and distributed at the program. Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch. For more information, call the library at 675-1182.

**Speakers series at Misericordia**

The inaugural Spring Speakers Series at College Misericordia will feature four faculty lecturers discussing topics ranging from the arts to the sciences. The lectures are held at 7 p.m. in the Bevevino Library's third floor McGowan Room on the campus of College Misericordia and continue through Wednesday, April 25. There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

A schedule and brief outline of the topics each lecturer will discuss during the Speakers Series can be found by visiting the Web site [www.misericordia.edu](http://www.misericordia.edu).

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library and faculty, the series is designed to welcome the community onto campus to share in College Misericordia's wealth of resources. The talks span the arts and sciences and will outline faculty member's current research, library resources available to the public and what students can expect in terms of course work and possible careers.

**Back Mountain history group will discuss amusements**

The bi-annual meeting of the Back Mountain Historical Association will discuss the "Amusements of the Back Mountain" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 26 in the Banks Student Center's Kennedy Lounge at College Misericordia.

Local historian Charles Petrillo, author of "Harveys Lake" will be the feature speaker. The discussion will focus on the attractions at Harveys Lake such as Hanson's Amusement Park - steamboats, hotels and other activities at the state's largest natural lake.

The Back Mountain Historical Association collects history of the Back Mountain and works in conjunction with College Misericordia and the Luzerne County Historical Society to collect photographs and oral history interviews. To review the photograph database, log on to [www.backmountain.org](http://www.backmountain.org).

If anyone is interested in donating photographs to the database, contact Harrison Wick, College Misericordia archivist, at 674-6420.

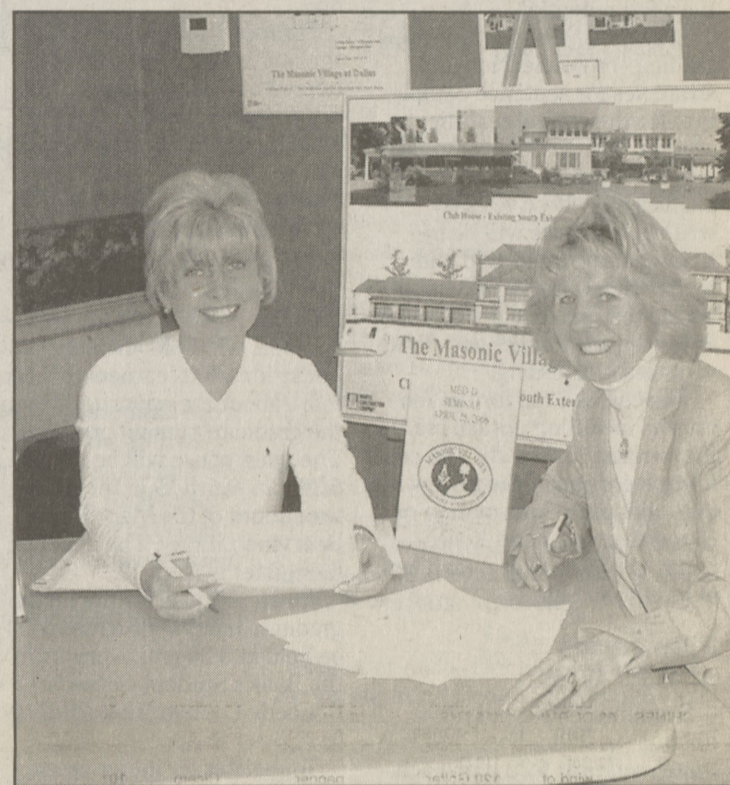
The association holds meetings twice a year, usually in April and October. The last meeting attracted more than 170 people, who listened to Harry Owens Jr., discuss the Back Mountain Railroad. For more information about the Back Mountain Historical Association, call Marion Rogers at 674-3341.

**BROWNIES HOLD FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT PANTRY**



Brownie Troop 2618 recently held a food drive to benefit the Back Mountain Food Pantry, which is located at the Trucksville United Methodist Church. Participating in the food drive, from left, first row are Rachel Maniskas, Allison Stallard and Sidney Neil. Second row: Edmund Sichler Jr., Alexis Spaciano, Rachel Habib, Paige Boyle, Olivia Maniskas and troop co-leader Kelly Maniskas.

**MEDICARE PART D FOCUS OF SESSION**



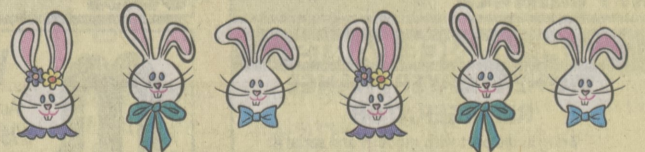


Masonic Village at Dallas will offer a free informational session about Medicare Part D at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 25 at the Irem Country Club. Medicare Part D is the new Medicare prescription drug benefit available to anyone with Medicare Part A and/or Part B. Enrollment for Medicare recipients is in effect through May 15. For more information about the event, call administrator Colleen Burns at 1-866-851-4243 or visit the Web site [www.pagrandlodge.org](http://www.pagrandlodge.org) for directions. Planning the session, from left, are Burns and executive assistant Beth Ann Kitlas.

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