



*Butler County*  
*Chapter Newsletter*  
**March 2015**

<http://www.orgsites.com/pa/butlerchappasr/>

**Celebrating our 51<sup>st</sup> year!**

***President's Message***

Thank you so much for your vote of confidence in electing me President of the Butler County Chapter of PASR for the next two years. I hope that I can live up to your expectations.

I want to thank Mary K Davis for guiding me through the "ins and outs" of the presidential duties that I need to follow and the many responsibilities they entail. She has served you as a wonderful president the past two years and has become one of my dearest friends during that time.

Since I retired and then joined PASR in 2005, I have met a vibrant group of men and women who have shown me what a dedicated group of retired school retirees can do to stay "active". Many of you have volunteered your services to PASR over the years and are still doing so, years later! Thank you for keeping this organization available to new retirees.

We are in need of a Legislative Chairman who recommends individuals for appointment to the PASR Legislative Contact Teams, provides input and suggestions to the State Legislative Committee through the region chairperson, and generally works to

ensure that chapter members who are not members of the state association receive information about what PASR is advocating on our behalf.

We also need a chairperson for L/PEC (Legislative/Political Educ. Committee). This person encourages member contributions to the L/PEC Fund to help finance training and communications for the PASR Legislative Contact System: promotes volunteerism in political campaigns for parties/candidates of the members' choice; and provides information about the legislative and political processes to members. The committee also plans and conducts annual "Meet Your Legislator Events" giving all members an opportunity to meet and interact socially with their legislators.

Both of these committees are essential to our local organization, so please consider chairing one of them.

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<b>2015-Dates to Remember</b>		
<b>Board Meetings</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Chapter Meetings</b>
February 4	Butler	<u>March 25</u>
April 8	BC3	May 27
August 5	Karns City	Sept 23
October 28	Mars	Dec. 16

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The program for the March luncheon will be described in more detail in this newsletter, but learning about the "Underground Railroad in Butler County" sounds fascinating. Please read the article and join us to learn more about our local history.

My first chairing of the executive board was held on February 4, 2015, and I found our "elected and appointed members" to be a wonderful group of people who reside in our area. They represent all of us with dignity and a wealth of information concerning your needs.

One of our life (state and local) members, Amelda Bennett, age 92, passed away on January 19, 2015. She taught for many years and retired in 1987. She was married to her husband, James, for 75 years. Please notify members of our Executive Board of any deaths, illnesses, moves, or activities you and other PASR members are dealing with. I thank Ellen McIntyre, our Slippery Rock representative, for letting us know about Amelda's passing.

Peg Harding  
President, Butler County Chapter

**Remember current location:**  
Christ Community Methodist  
Church at 205 North Duffy  
Road, in Butler Township behind  
Target. See you **March 25,**  
**2015 at Noon.**

### **Butler Chapter Officers**

President ..... Peg Harding  
harding.margaret@gmail.com  
President-Elect..... Veronica Rozic  
Recording Secretary ..... Fran Geisel  
Corresponding Sec'y..... **open**  
Immediate Past Pres .....Mary K Davis  
Region President.....Veronica Rozic  
Treasurer.....James Huemme  
Asst. Treasurer ..... Joanne Nolsheim  
Chapter website  
orgsites.com/pa/butlerchappasr/  
State website .....www.pasr.org

### **Committee Chairs**

Legislative and L/PEC ..... **OPEN**  
Retirement Planning ..... Pam Patterson  
RECREO.....M. Hoffman, J. Nolsheim  
Social Services/Memorial Honor Fund  
.....Marcia Semple  
By-Laws .....Sue Campbell  
Educational Support .... Diana Bowman  
Community Service ..... Peg Harding  
Member Benefits & Services ..... **OPEN**  
Membership .....Mary K. Davis  
Nomination ..... **OPEN**  
Reservations ..... Donna Vogel  
Resolutions ..... **OPEN**  
Public Relations ..... Polly Shaw  
..... Send newsletter info to  
..... pollyshaw@zoominternet.net

### **School District PASR Area Chairs**

Butler Area ..... Sharon Kline  
Karns City ..... Mary Lou Waltman,  
..... Margie Walker  
Mars.....Priscilla Beblo  
Moniteau .....Carol Ball  
Seneca Valley .....Sue Campbell,  
.....Ruth Kirk  
Slippery Rock ..... Ellen McIntyre  
South Butler..... Doris Herceg

## MINUTES

Butler County Council PASR  
Luncheon Meeting  
December 17, 2014  
Christ Community Methodist Church

Call to Order. Mary K. welcomed us.

Review of minutes from September meeting.

Memorial Service was presented by Marcia Semple in memory of:

Thomas Hovanec	Butler
David Ellis	Butler
Irene Ketter	Seneca Valley
Donna Reeder	Butler
Angeline Venditto	New Castle

Marcia read a poem entitled "A School Employee Poem" and reminded us of their light and influence in the lives of the students they touched.

Doris Herceg from South Butler was our hostess today. She read "The Christmas Spirit".

Peg Harding presented the 2014 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year to Donald Cavalero.

LPAC- Letter from AARP about a Pension Reform Act that does not affect us now but may in the future.

James Huemme reported that all dues are currently paid up.

Peg Harding spoke about the NRTA Honorary Certificate for Youth. Our gifts were being donated to Broad Street School after the meeting.

Veronica Rozic reminded us that we need a Director of Region 8 by next

year. Peg Harding also said that we need people for several committees.

Diane Bowman told us about the Butler County Community College Scholarship. This years recipient was Catrina Mills.

We are interested in once again starting spelling Bees. If you can help or have any suggestions you are to contact Peg Harding, Mary K. Davis or Diana Bowman by February 4, 2015 before the board meeting.

New officers were installed:

President	Peg Harding
President Elect	Veronica Rozic
Past President	Mary K. Davis
Secretary	Frances Geisel
Treasurer	Jim Huemme
Ass't Treasurer	Joanne Nolsheim

Program- Junior Achievement  
Ashley Zahorchak spoke about her organization. They are looking for volunteers to visit schools and present lessons to students. Currently they need people for the Butler and Knock Middle Schools.

Meeting was adjourned by Peg Harding.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frances A. Geisel  
Recording Secretary

*Please invite any of your former co-workers to attend a complimentary luncheon with you and to join our chapter.*



**Region President Veronica Rozic installs Butler Chapter officers.** From left, President Peg Harding, Veronica Rozic (new chapter president-elect), Mary K Davis, past president, Jim Huemme, Treasurer, Joanne Nolsheim, Assistant Treasurer

***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The PASR Butler County Volunteer of the year for 2014 was awarded to Donald Cavallero. Don taught in the Butler Area School District and retired in 1993. For the past 21 years he has volunteered in many different capacities. Those volunteer services include: delivering for Meals on Wheels, driving veterans to and from doctor’s appointments, teaching adult education at his church and helping with food service dinners and funeral dinners at his church. He was awarded a citation and volunteer pin.

Don wrote a thank you letter to our Butler Chapter of PASR and wanted everyone to know that being a volunteer benefits more than the people we set out to assist. Volunteerism is truly a rewarding experience! He stated that he was just one of many-many volunteers from among this chapter’s membership rolls for Region VIII,

and all deserve recognition for their efforts. He really enjoyed the wonderful luncheon and reconnecting with many, now retired school employees from the past.



We are continuing to help our troops in as many ways as possible. Keep clipping those manufacture coupons and bring them to the March 25th. meeting. Remember, the expiration date requirement should not go back more than 2 months ago. Please make sure you separate the coupons into FOOD and NON FOOD items and place them in separate baggies or envelopes. Boxes were

sent to Army bases in Vilseck and Wiesbaden, Germany and an Air Force base in Yokota, Japan.

Our chapter is still making helmet hats for the military, and collecting pop can tabs, used ink cartridges, plastic bottle caps, Pringle cans, and "Bingo" prizes. All of these items have been greatly appreciated by those in need. These items can be returned at the luncheon.

The state PSAR still wants all chapters to continue working with our K-12 youth, so, our collection of mittens, scarves, socks, coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, etc. were delivered to Broad St. Elementary School in the city of Butler right after our luncheon in December. They were very appreciative and were planning on adding our gifts with theirs to be distributed to their needy elementary children right before Christmas.

The state PASR also wants to help the hungry in our communities, so non-perishable food items and paper products will be greatly appreciated, too. Our last collection of items was delivered in December to the local food bank.

The LIFE Butler County Day Center was very appreciative of the Bingo prizes we delivered to them after our luncheon. We'll continue to collect small prizes such as pocket and full size calendars, notecards, greeting cards, jewelry, and other items that the men and women would like to win while playing Bingo

Also, please let me know if you and some other PASR volunteers are working on special projects for our youth and/or

community members. If you need other PASR volunteers, I'm sure we can find them for you!

### ***SOCIAL SERVICE MEMORIAL HONOR FUND*** WHAT IS SSMHF?

It is the second largest functioning committee of PASR, prepared to support ALL the members of PASR who are in need.

### WHAT DOES IT DO?

Annual earnings from an investment provide funds for the good works of our chapter committee for those who need help. Funds are provided by PASR on a percentage basis dependent on the number of State Memberships in our chapter ( IF YOU ARE NOT A STATE MEMBER, THIS IS ONE ADVANTAGE TO CONSIDER TO JOIN AS A STATE MEMBER, THAT MAYBE YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT )!

### WHO ARE THE MEMBERS IN NEED? WHO NEEDS HELP?

1. Those who need a phone call.
2. Shut-ins who need a visit.
3. Hospital patients.
4. Members without families.
5. Handicapped members.
6. Residents of nursing homes.
7. Those who need temporary help.
8. Those who experienced a crisis--- unexpected major bills, house fire, leaky roof, etc.
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### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Volunteer to help!
2. Contribute to the Memorial Honor Fund in memory of a loved one, or to honor a person.

*ARE YOU INVOLVED? WHY NOT?*





**Donna Vogel**, Jim Huemme, and Joanne Nolsheim greet everyone at check-in.

## *Card Shower of Cheer*

Donna and Helen had recent surgeries and spent some time at Concordia.

**Donna Vogel**  
148 Spithaler School Road  
Evans City, PA 16033

**Helen R. Ferguson**  
100 Balboa Court  
Butler, PA



**Helen Ferguson** is a past president of the PASR Butler Chapter.

**Important Change:** Donna will not be receiving reservations for the March luncheon. Send your reservation to Mary K who is filling in for this meeting only.

Our delicious luncheons are catered by The Monroe Hotel. Check page 11 for this month's offerings



Are you keeping track of your volunteer hours? Every June we turn them in. They are tabulated and forwarded to represent the treasure of experience that we provide as volunteers. This year's Volunteer of the Year, Mr. Don Cavaleiro, was chosen from those submitted forms. Congratulations, Don!

## ★ Member Benefits ★

Using the strength of its large membership, PASR has negotiated attractive group rates



on a number of products and services, as a value added benefit to its members and does not receive financial compensation for our endorsement of any product or service.

### Long-Term Care and Final Expense Life Insurances



If you need home health care or care in an assisted living facility or a nursing home, the costs for this custodial care can easily approach \$60,000 a year or more! Most people cannot afford these continued expenses without some help. PASR has negotiated arrangements with some of the most highly rated and stable long term care insurance companies to offer individualized plans so that members may choose the one that best suits their needs. PASR members can receive policy premium-discounts as high as 40 percent! Many of the companies offer a five to ten percent reduction in premium—just for being a member of PASR.

Final expense life insurance provides

peace of mind that you have taken care of your final expenses so your loved ones won't have to. Families may need to make many important decisions following the death of a loved one. In addition to those decisions, funeral and burial expenses, debt balances and health care bills can quickly add up. Survivors may find themselves left in debt, on top of grieving for their lost loved one. PASR has partnered with [PISI](#) to bring you final expense life Insurance, offered by "A rated" insurance companies, which features guaranteed level premiums for life, access to cash value in times of need, and easy application—no medical exam and a one-page application form. Take the steps now to plan for your future. For more information on either of these products, call [PISI](#) at 1-800-382-1352.

### Legal Assistance



In life, the unexpected happens. That is where [Legal Access Plans, L.L.C.](#) can help by allowing you to make an informed decision and select the right attorney for your specific needs. Common issues such as wills and estate planning can easily make this program pay for itself. However, in today's litigious society, where even a minor fender bender can quickly escalate to a bigger issue, it is also important to know you can protect yourself against something major. This plan covers you, your spouse, eligible dependents, your parents, and even your spouse's parents! For more information, please call [PISI](#) at 1-800-382-1352.

**Asheville, in the Springtime**  
**Butler County PASR Trip      April 20-23, 2015**

Springtime comes to Western North Carolina between March 20 and May 23. This trip is planned to be in what may be the prime time to view an abundance of spring flora, including daffodils, dogwood, azalea, tulips and many more. The popular Biltmore Blooms that features over 130,000 blooms is always scheduled at this time. Trusting the weather and seasons live up to its expectations.

**Monday** morning, April 20, the trip begins with a day of travel. Lunch on-your-own at Tamarack Center, Buckley, WV then to Pigeon Forge, TN where we are scheduled to have supper and to see the famous **Dixie Stampede**. Enjoy seeing the 32 magnificent horses and a cast of top-notch riders as they thrill you with daring feats of trick and friendly competition. This all comes together with a patriotic salute of Red, White, and Blue featuring *Color Me America* written and recorded by Dolly Parton herself. As the action begins you will be served a four-course feast, with no utensils, but not really hard to eat without them. We will spend the evening in Pigeon Forge. D

**Tuesday** morning, we drive through a part of the Great Smokey Mountains, making a rest stop at the Indian village of Cherokee with time for some shopping for native Indian crafts. We arrive in Asheville in time for lunch at the Biltmore Estate. The afternoon will be spent visiting the mansion and the estate grounds. The day closes with a short drive to Hendersenville, NC for dinner and stay for the evening. B, L, D

**Wednesday** morning, it is a drive to Charlotte, NC to visit the **Billy Graham Library** that opened May 31, 2007. The Library is arranged around the themes of “The Man,” “The Ministry,” “The Message,” “and “The Mission” with the message being pre-eminent: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Library building is styled after a dairy barn, reminiscent of Billy Graham’s upbringing on a dairy farm. His boyhood home has been restored and us a short walk from the main Library building. Lunch will be on-your-own in the attached “Graham Brothers’ Dairy Bar.” After lunch, we will travel to Wytheville for dinner which may include a show. Staying tonight in Wytheville. B. D

**Thursday** morning in the way back to Butler, the first stop will be at New River Gorge Canyon Rim Visitors Center of a grand view of the gorge and information about the formation of the gorge. Next stop will be for lunch in Clarksburg, WV. Then, it will be another 100 some miles for an early arrival in Butler, after four full days of traveling. B,L

**Cost:** \$600.00 per person dbl; \$720 single; \$570.00 per/person triple; \$550.00 per/person quad.  
**INCLUDES:** 3 nights lodging; 8 meals including taxes & tips; admissions as required; deluxe motor coach transportation.

**DEPOSIT:** \$100.00 with reservation; balance due by March 20, 2015

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Butler County PASR**

**MAIL CHECKS TO: Margaret Hoffman, 140 Whippoorwill Rd, Butler, PA 16001**

**PHONE for info:** Margaret Hoffman 724-282-4454 e-mail [MHoff80037@zoominternet.net](mailto:MHoff80037@zoominternet.net)

Joanne Nolsheim 724-287-8148

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STREET \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TRAVELING COMPANION \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL REQUESTS \_\_\_\_\_



## The Underground Railroad in Western Pennsylvania ...celebrating our region's history during the Civil War era

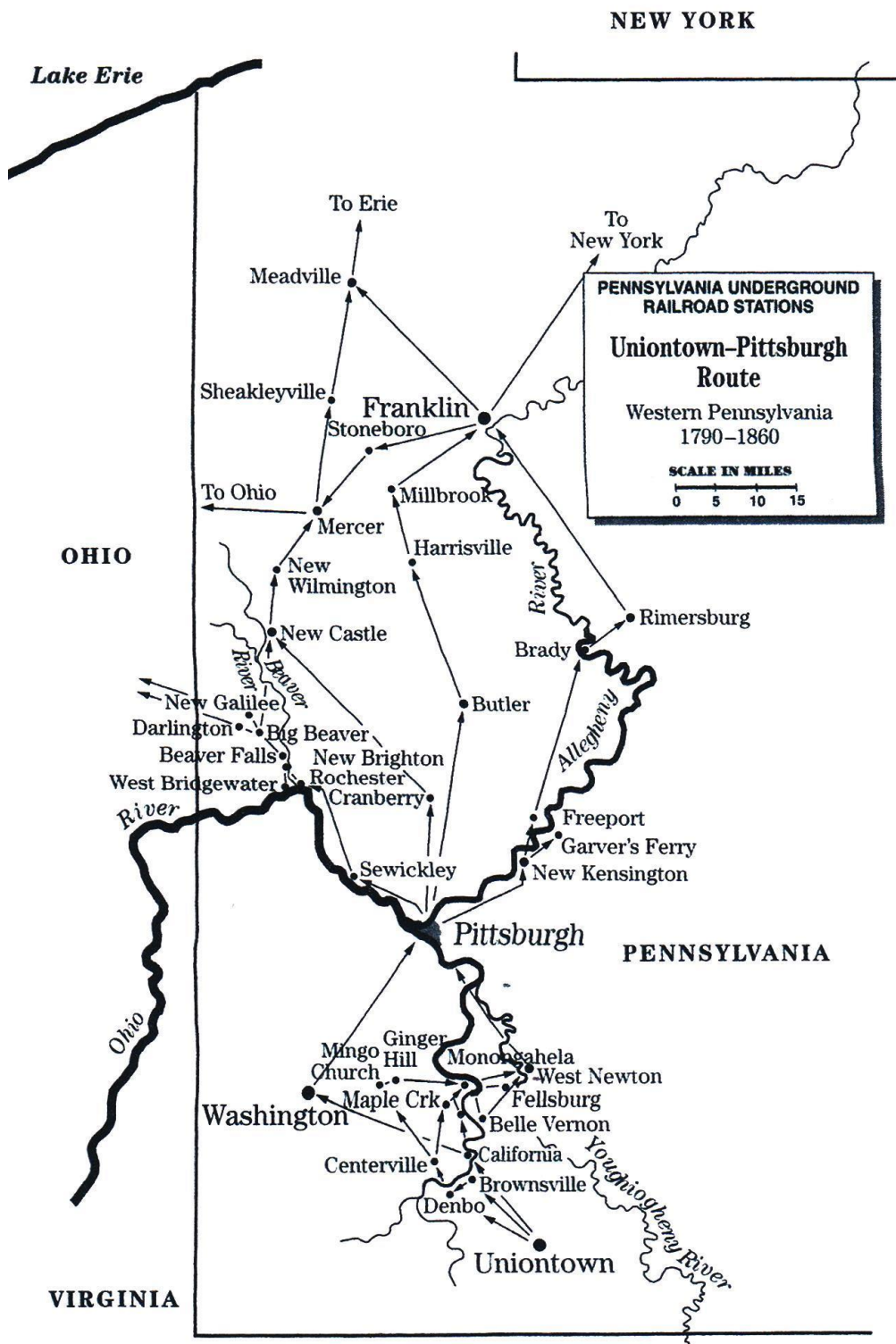
According to oral history, the First Presbyterian Church in Butler (now "Covenant Presbyterian Church" at 230 East Jefferson Street) was a stop on the Underground Railroad.



The Rev. Loyal Young (pastor from 1833 to 1868) and church members were known to have hidden runaway slaves in their homes as well as the basement of the church.

On Wednesday, March 25th, Rev. Jim Swanson, the current pastor, will speak about the Underground Railroad movement and our local involvement in the effort to help fugitive slaves become free.

He will be joined by Roy Magee whose great-great-grandfather was involved as a conductor.



**WANTED:** We need more (and better) **pictures** of our members in action. Send **jpeg** files from volunteer activities as well as those taken during the luncheon. State name for picture credit in newsletter or on website. Send via email to: pollyshaw@zoominternet.net

PASR TREASURER'S REPORT  
 October 1-December 31, 2014  
 James Huemme, Treasurer

RECEIPTS:

Local dues	\$ 100.00
State dues	50.00
PASR	256.00
Luncheon	896.50
Postage	100.00
Trip	500.00

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\$ 1,902.50

EXPENSES:

PASR dues	\$ 100.00
Military mail (2)	75.90
Office	9.81
SSMHF	67.49
Leadership convention	100.00
Dues refund	10.00
Minuteman Press	260.23
Hall rental	125.00
Postmaster	104.89
Savings	1,000.00
Luncheon	773.10

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\$ 2,626.42

Balance Sept. 30. 2014	7,372.09
Receipts	+ 1,902.50

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9,274.59

Expenses	- 2,626.42
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6,648.17

Checkbook Dec. 31, 2014

Savings Balance	8,461.27
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Total Funds Balance	\$ 15,109.44
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**PASR Luncheon Meeting**  
**12:00 Noon, Wednesday, March 25, 2015**

Christ Community United Methodist Church  
205 N Duffy Rd  
Butler, PA 16001

**Bear right around building to rear entrance: Fellowship Hall glass doors**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: March 13, 2015**

**SEND TO MARY K. DAVIS!!!**

*(Get well soon, Donna Vogel!)*

**MENU**

Baked Ham with pineapple sauce  
Scalloped potatoes  
Steamed vegetable  
tossed salad  
Assorted fruit pie  
beverage  
Price: \$11.50

**ALTERNATE**

Chef Salad  
Assorted fruit pie  
beverage  
Price: \$10.00

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Reservation Form Deadline March 13, 2015  
PASR Luncheon, March 25, 2015

**12:00 Noon at Christ Community Methodist Church**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Reservation: (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations:

ham @\$11.50 \_\_\_\_\_ Chef Salad @ \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total due: \_\_\_\_\_**

You may include the guest's payment in your envelope or send it separately.

A retiree attending for the first time receives a complimentary meal.

Make checks payable to *BUTLER COUNTY PASR*

Reservations should be mailed to:

Mary K. Davis  
114 Freeport Road, Apt. #2  
Butler, PA 16001

*PASR*

Mary K. Davis  
114 Freeport Road  
Butler, PA 16001

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*Don't miss a special, local history program.*

**The Underground Railroad  
in Western Pennsylvania  
...celebrating our region's history  
during the Civil War era**