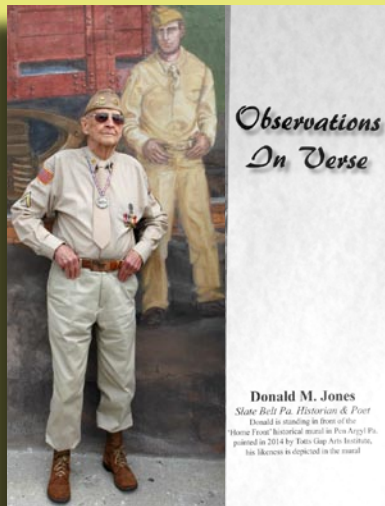


# A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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But they're not going to do it all.  
So you and I who are blessed,  
Must surely heed the call.

## Scavello, American Legion to Offer Veterans Assistance Days at Northampton and Monroe County District Offices

By Taylor Munoz

HARRISBURG -- Senator Mario Scavello (R-40) and the American Legion will be holding Veterans Assistance Days this month at his district offices in Northampton and Monroe counties.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a service officer with the American Legion Pennsylvania Department will be on site to assist veterans with issues including: compensation and pension claims, education benefits, enrollment in the VA health care system, burial and survivor benefits, state benefits, and obtaining military personnel and medical records.

Veterans do not need to be a member of the American Legion to receive these services.

On January 14, the Veterans Assistance Day will be held at the senator's Monroe County district office, 2398 Route 611, Suite 201, in Scotrun. This service is offered at Scotrun on the second Tuesday of each month. Call 570-620-4326 to schedule an appointment.

On January 15, the Veterans Assistance Day will be held at the Northampton County district office, 2 N. Robinson Avenue in Pen Argyl. The service is offered on the third Wednesday of each month at this office. Call 610-863-1200 to make an appointment.

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## CACLV Awarded \$110,000 Grant For Regional Diversity Plan

By CACLV

BETHLEHEM - The Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley has won a competitive grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to support its initiative to develop a strategic plan for diversity and inclusion in Lehigh and Northampton counties. The project, announced during a press conference in November, has engaged a variety of regional groups in the effort, including the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Lehigh Valley Partnership, Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation, Lehigh Valley Arts Council, United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley, Workforce Board Lehigh Valley and the Greater Lehigh Valley Consortium for Excellence and Equity. The project was also endorsed by all three mayors and both county executives. The initiative's intent is to identify what the Lehigh Valley, as a community, can do to negate the painful effects of racism in the region.

Don Cunningham, CEO of LVEDC and Co-Chair of the initiative, expressed his excitement at the project which, he said, is intended to demonstrate to possible investors in the region that this is a progressive community that celebrates diversity and leaves no one behind. David Jones, former Lehigh County Commissioner and Co-Chair with Cunningham, added that those who would discriminate against people based on skin color or ethnicity will find themselves being the ones left behind if they don't abandon their outdated practices and come to the realization that our world will be a better place if everyone in our community has the same shot at succeeding. Kumari Ghafoor-Davis, CACLV's Director for Racial and Ethnic Justice, said it was hard to read her 12-year-old son's essay on racism that he wrote in school and hopes that, by the time he starts looking for a job, "every door that is open to white children will be open just as wide to him and every other child in our community. Until then, it will be a stretch to call this a community."

In addition to the federal block grant, CACLV has received more than \$50,000 from several local families who believe this effort will make the Lehigh Valley a better community for their children and grandchildren.

## Applications for 2020 Pennsylvania House Scholarship Available

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

High school seniors interested in receiving financial assistance to help pay for college can now apply for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives' Scholarship.

Each year the program awards a four-year scholarship to two students preparing for post-secondary education. It is open to graduating high school seniors who are Pennsylvania residents with plans to attend a Pennsylvania college, university or career school as a full-time student.

To qualify, students must have attained a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average in high school. Other factors taken into consideration for the awards are a student's commitment to community, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities and financial need.

The scholarship program is administered through the Foundation for Enhancing Communities. The application is available through the foundation's web site here. The application deadline is March 1.

The scholarship is privately funded by individual and corporate donors; no tax or other public funds are used. Scholarships are awarded through an independent panel of judges chosen by the foundation.

## Realty Transfer Tax Exemption Available to Preserved Farm Owners

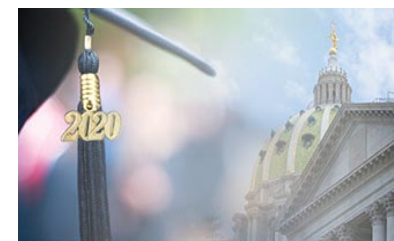
By Rep. Joe Emrick

NAZARETH - Owners of Pennsylvania's more than 5,600 preserved farm owners are now eligible to apply for a new realty transfer tax exemption through the Department of Agriculture.

The exemption is available to owners of preserved farms who transfer a farm to a qualified beginning farmer. The goal of the measure is to help carry on the state's strong agricultural traditions.

Under the law, a qualified beginning farmer is one who has demonstrated experience in the industry or a related field with transferrable skills; has not received federal gross income from agriculture production for more than 10 years; intends to engage in agricultural production in Pennsylvania; and has obtained written certification, as a result of an application, from the Department of Agriculture confirming his or her qualified beginning farmer status.

To apply for certification as a beginning farmer, click here : <http://links.pahousenews.com/q/KAeQqGvG1X3sI76zsiHwJNQuEXXxj5suhGNopEkolfbzCHJTdDD7QpyhzcKA>



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