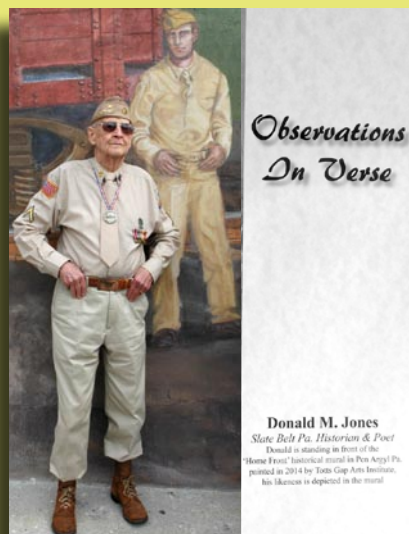


A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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QUESTIONS

Are you getting all that life has to give,
Are you really enjoying each day you live,
Are you doing the things that need to be done
Like sharing your love with everyone?

Do you listen and really understand,
Do you always offer a helping hand,
Do your reach out and really try
To wipe a tear from a saddened eye?

Will you help your fellow man,
Will you always do all you can,
Will you lend yourself to every need
Regardless of race, color or creed?

Mayors Sustainability Forum To Be Held At Lehigh University

By LVPC

ALLENTOWN - The Mayors of Allentown, Bethlehem and Whitehall Township, and a representative from Easton will meet at Lehigh University to discuss how to address issues such as carbon emissions, recycling initiatives and storm water management.

The Lehigh Valley Mayors Sustainability Forum, hosted by the Urban Land Institute, Green Building United and the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, is scheduled for 8-10 a.m., March 12 at Lehigh University's Iacocca Hall. The event is worth two Green Building Certification credit hours or two American Institute of Architects Learning Units.

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Masonic Leadership Post

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A graduate of Nazareth High School. Doyle is a service technician/assembler TOSS/Packworld, Nazareth. He is a member of Whitfield Lodge No. 622, Tatamy, and several other Masonic organizations.

Freemasonry is the oldest, largest and most widely known fraternal organization in the world, based on the cardinal virtues of brotherly love, charity and truth. Its roots can be traced back hundreds of years in Europe. Today, there are approximately 98,500 members statewide, 1.1 million members nationally and 3.5 million members worldwide. For more information, visit www.pagrandlodge.org.

Connecting Diverse Communities to our Natural Places

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However, according to an Outdoor Industry Association report (PDF)Opens In A New Window, only 33 percent of Black people participate in outdoor recreation activities, compared to 50 percent of White people.

In another study about Americans' relationship with nature, researchers foundOpens In A New Window that more than half of Black adults say the outdoors is unsafe as a barrier to their interests in nature. But that is changing! Several programs are working in Pennsylvania to encourage people of color, especially the Black community, to get outside and enjoy and appreciate the abundance of the commonwealth's natural places.

Let's Go Outdoors Sisters Keisha and Tarsha Scovens founded Let's Go OutdoorsOpens In A New Window in Philadelphia to connect city communities to outdoor experiences.

As Black women, they know people of color are under-represented in the conservation world, and seek to change that through their local and regional programs. If a young person experiences the outdoors with a family member, they are more likely to continue to engage in the great outdoors in their adulthood. As mothers, Keisha and Tarsha take this message to heart and are passionate for other caregivers to aim for the same. Let's Go Outdoors, through their non-profit affiliate Urban Outdoors Initiatives, is launching a new pipeline program called Conservation Careers 101 with some funding from DCNR.

This pilot aims to foster the next generation of conservationists through lessons, field experiences, and connections to job opportunities in the conservation and outdoor recreation field.

Environmental lessons supplement classroom work, and field trips to local environmental sites bring those lessons to life. This "next step" serves as a pipeline for youth of color to launch into conservation careers.

The unique program, operating in Philadelphia, is currently engaging 56 youth with a goal of impacting 150 by 2020. Recently, the group visited Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center to learn about snowshoeing, forest conservation and stewardship, and about environmental career opportunities.

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Gardening Reduces Your Carbon Footprint

By DCNR

HARRISBURG - Gardening season is just around the corner! Ambitious gardeners that use their garden to replace 20 percent of bought food, reduce their carbon footprint by about 68 pounds of CO2 per year! Here are some tips to help plan your garden:

Most vegetables need sun, and a lot of it. Ideally, you want a site with at least eight hours of direct sun per day. In less light, you can still grow some things; mainly leafy plants and herbs.

Pollinators, like bees and butterflies, are essential to a productive garden. To attract these good bugs, include clumps of insect-friendly plants like cardinal flower, bee-balm, or Joe-pye weed between your vegetables and herbs.

To conserve water and reduce the need to irrigate, mulch your soil with several inches of straw or shredded leaves. Mulching also helps reduce the number of weeds you will eventually have to pull out.

When planting a flower or vegetable transplant, deposit a handful of compost into each hole. Compost will provide transplants with an extra boost that lasts throughout the growing season.

NMIH Engineering Summer Camp 2019

By NMIH

BETHLEHEM - It might still be winter, but we are already planning for summer 2019!

The theme for the National Museum of Industrial History (NMIH) Summer Camp 2019 is "We Built This City: Engineering a City from the Ground Up". In addition to getting a crash course in 1980's music, summer campers will learn to think critically and strategically about the topography and infrastructure that allows civilizations to develop purposefully and operate strategically.

Participants entering grades 4 through 6 will learn factors to consider when planning a new city: various terrain and waterways, urban, suburban, and rural features, as well as how utilities are distributed to everyone in the city. They will gain experience through looking at blueprints, using virtual reality to evaluate architectural features, and participate in constructing roads, bridges, and buildings that will be major features of the city. Participants will also gain an appreciation for the magic behind all the things we turn on in our homes: electricity, water, heat, and the internet. NMIH is partnering with local architectural, civil, electrical, transportation, and mechanical engineers to provide campers with an authentic experience and professional perspective. On the final day of camp, we will put everything we learned together as campers work together to engineer the ideal city.

Camp Dates and Time: Session 1: July 8-12, Monday – Friday 10am – 2pm

Session 2: July 15-19, Monday – Friday 10am – 2pm

Program Registration Includes:

• NMIH camp t-shirt • Engineering project book • 4 free family passes to the museum.

Audience: Grades 4-6.

Call the museum at 610.694.6644 or email our Education Coordinator at kbehinger@nmih.org.

"Mamma Mia" Preview for Gold Card Members

By Rebeca Kranich

BANGOR - Next month, Bangor Area High School will present the smash hit musical "Mamma Mia", which features the music of the 1970s pop super group ABBA. For the first time this year, the BAHs Drama Department will offer a special free performance of the show for Gold Card members on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00PM. The performance will take place in the M. Craig Paine Performing Arts Theater at Bangor Area High School. Complimentary light refreshments will be available to all gold card members before the show beginning at 6:00PM. No reservations are necessary - just present your gold card at the ticket booth on March 27 and you will be admitted to the show. Please note - gold cards will no longer be honored at any of the regular performances of the show.

"Mamma Mia" tells the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. On the eve of her wedding, a young woman's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the Greek island paradise they last visited 20 years ago. The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship. Regular showtimes - March 29 & 30 at 7:30PM and March 30 & 31 at 2:30PM. To purchase tickets, go to www.showtix4u.com/events/bahsmammamia or call 610-599-7011 ext. 1001.