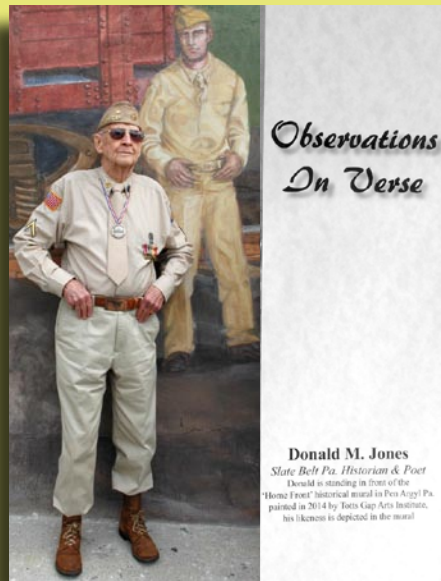


# A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

*Exclusively in the Blue Valley Times*



*Observations  
In Verse*

Donald M. Jones  
Slate Belt Pa. Historian & Poet  
Donald is standing in front of the  
"Horse Foot" historical mural in Pen Argyl Pa.  
painted in 2014 by Tom Cap. Any likeness  
his likeness is depicted in the mural!

March twenty-first will make my heart sing,  
For then I can say, "Thank God it's spring".

## OUR GOOD FRIENDS

There's a group of people we can't do without,  
We call them our good friends.

When problems arise, who helps us out?

Again it's our good friends.

Confined to a bed during a hospital stay,  
Who comes to visit and cheer the day?

Those same very good friends.

During a time of worry or a time of need,  
Who comes to our aid? Yes, indeed,

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When it comes to caring,

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## \$20k Grant for Veteran's Housing Assistance

By Becky Bradley

EASTON - Lamont McClure and the Northampton County Department of Veterans Affairs have received a \$20,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Veterans' Trust Fund for the purpose of providing housing assistance to veterans.

"Northampton County is ardently embracing the national goal to end veteran homelessness by establishing our own Veteran Rapid Rehousing Program," says Lamont McClure. "Our goal is to meet the needs of every veteran citizen of Northampton County so they can further their health and independence."

The program is defined as utility and rent assistance for eligible County veterans with qualifying low-to-moderate incomes.

The Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development applied for the grant. Community Specialist, Rebecca Sanchez, was promoted last year to write grants for the County.



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# Minsi Lake Re-Opening

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partners will participate in the trout stocking at Minsi Lake. The PFBC will stock Rainbow Trout and golden Rainbow Trout that will first be available to youth anglers on Mentored Youth Trout Day on Saturday, March 28. The Regional Opening Day of Trout Season is Saturday, April 4.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the stocking. (It should be noted that this stocking was rescheduled from its original date.) The complete 2020 Adult Trout Stocking Schedule can be viewed using the FishBoatPA mobile app or online at [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com).

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to commercial sources.

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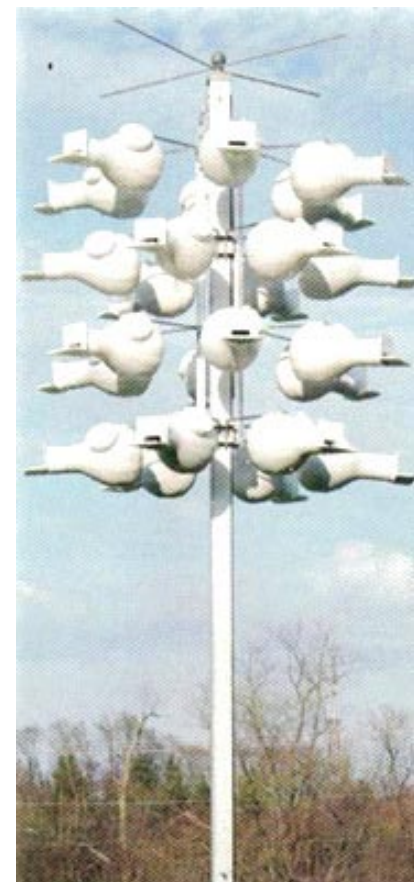


To chart the course and provide resources needed to enhance the natural and recreational assets throughout the Minsi Lake area.

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Above - Purple Martin  
Right - Purple Martin Tower  
nesting platform



## Minsi Lake

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towers. This is another great partnership FOML has made for our community.

The mission of the Audubon Society is to help people gain an appreciation and understanding of nature, provide educational services on local wildlife to our community, and protect local habitats that are critical to local (and international) wildlife populations.

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## The Celtic Cultural Alliance 9th Annual Parade of Shamrocks

By Celtic Cultural Alliance

BETHLEHEM, Pennsylvania, February 21st, 2020 — The streets of Bethlehem turn green on March 14th as thousands of emerald-clad revelers will sweep into Historic Bethlehem for the 9th Annual Celtic Classic Parade of Shamrocks organized by the Celtic Cultural Alliance (CCA).

The parade begins at 1:00 p.m. at 5th Avenue and W. Broad streets and proceeds east on Broad Street, turns right on to Main Street and heads south on Main Street. The parade concludes under the Hill-to-Hill Bridge. This free event has plenty of viewing along the sidewalks of the procession route.

Ms. Frances King will serve as the Grand Marshal of this year's parade.

The parade will be shown on RCN on March 14th at 5:00pm

For more information on the Parade of Shamrocks and other Celtic Cultural Alliance events, visit the organization's website at [www.celticfest.org](http://www.celticfest.org).