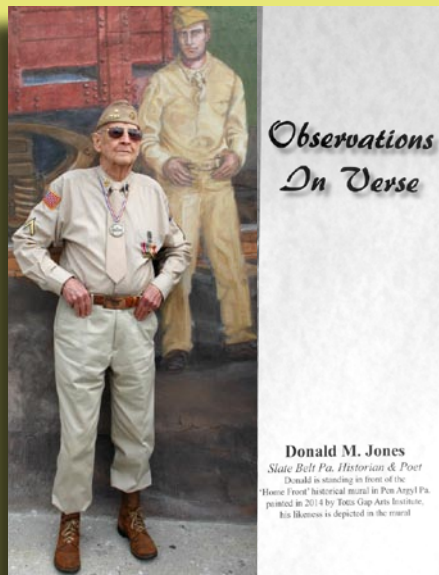


A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

Exclusively in the Blue Valley Times



THE WINTER SUN

As if to tell us to slow down and rest,
The winter sun rises late and sets early
in the west.

It tracks a short cut across the sky,
Saving its energy, not venturing too high.

Stingy with its golden light
It changes our days quickly into night.

Then after a season without warmth or glow
It lengthens its path and lets us know
It's time to "rise and shine" again.

Slate Belt Heritage Center 20th Anniversary

By Karen Brewer

BANGOR - The Slate Belt Heritage Center (SBHC), located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary in conjunction with its' Spring Opening on Saturday, April 13th. Featured this year in the Council Chamber, will be "We the People: Folk Art for the Slate Belt". We the people means "hand-made" and not mass produced. The featured folk art and crafts will tell about the creative drive, the diverse culture and the sense of identity that we share in the Slate region. Slate Belt people crafted many items like, slate whimsies and fancy needlework that demonstrate their skill and communicate a personal or community message. Some use traditional designs that reflect immigrant roots. Come and see rare "slate fans" that show a slate splitter's skill. Check out the show towels, quilts and fancy work that women made to demonstrate their talent with a needle to make a comfortable home for their families. Folk art has a practical use, but it is amazing to see and helps us understand who we are and from where we came. Items shown will be from the late 1700's to the present.

SBHC presents Preservation Awards to people who preserve Slate Belt heritage and hosts students and teachers ranging from local 4th graders to East Coast Universities. The Center preserved nearly 3000 Slate Belt treasures which inspire heritage murals, historic building rehabs, family research and trips down memory lane. SBHC produces programs, exhibits, and tours for community groups, schools, special events, reunions and other museums.

The Center is open to the public Saturdays and Sunday 12-3 PM April through October, and Sundays 12-3 PM November through March. Admission is FREE. Private tours are available upon request. Monthly presentations are held the second Thursday of each month from April-November at 7:00 PM and the second Sunday of each month from December-March at 2:00 PM. These programs are also FREE. Memberships are available at the Center. Follow the news on the website

sbhc@frontier.com and Facebook
Slate-Belt-Heritage-Center-SBHC.

SLATE BELT MEN'S QUIT LEAGUE

Bangor Elks 39 Columbia Fire Co. 17 - Jody Zengulis 12-2, Pete Speer 12-2, Dave Giaquinto, 11-3, Jerry Bubba 10-4

Bangor VFW 42 Roseto Legion 14 - Ed Easterly 10-4

Hillside Rod & Gun Club 36 Bangor Jax 20 - Randy Ott 10-4, Chuck Klinge 10-4, Scott Saltern 9-5; Rob Tiburzi 7-7

East Bangor Fire Co. 35 O'Neill's Place 21 - Bill Pascoe 11-1, Kyle Frankenfield 10-4, Keith Tickle 10-4; Justin Wagner 11-3

Roseto Rod & Gun Club 29 Liberty Fire Co. 27 - Harold Bird 11-3, Larry Mucklin 10-4, John Lohman 10-4; Brian Miller 11-3, Evan Senay 10-4

Rescue Fire Co. 33 Second Ward Fire Co. 31 (one extra round) - Tim Seydl 11-5; Ahren Wedge 10-6

Oxford Fire Co. 30 Pen Argyl Legion 26 - Wayne Saylor 10-4, Matt Becker 9-5; Bob Ponnett 10-4

2018-2019 SBMQL SECOND HALF STANDINGS

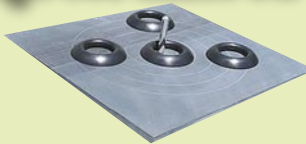
Division 1 - Bangor Elks 12-0, Hillside Rod & Gun Club 11-1, Oxford Fire Co. 11-1, East Bangor Fire Co. 9-3, Pen Argyl Legion 9-3, O'Neill's Place 6-6, Bangor Jax 6-6

Division 2 - Bangor VFW 5-7, Liberty Fire Co. 4-8, Rescue Fire Co. 4-8, Second Ward Fire Co. 3-9, Columbia Fire Co. 2-10, Roseto Rod & Gun Club 2-10, Roseto Legion 0-12

2018-2019 SBMQL CURRENT SEASON STANDINGS

Division 1 - Bangor Elks 25-0, Hillside Rod & Gun Club 23-2, Oxford Fire Co. 22-3, Pen Argyl Legion 19-6, East Bangor Fire Co. 17-8, O'Neill's Place 14-11, Bangor Jax 12-13

Division 2 - Bangor VFW 13-12, Liberty Fire Co. 9-16, Second Ward Fire Co. 6-19, Columbia Fire Co. 5-20, Rescue Fire Co. 5-20, Roseto Rod & Gun Club 4-21, Roseto Legion 1-24



Slate Belt Floor & Wall Covering

509 William St., Pen Argyl 610-863-5741

Carpet • Braided Rugs • Linoleum
Vinyl Tile • Ceramic Tile
Slate & Quarry Tile • Hardwood Floors
Laminate Flooring • Wallpaper
Custom Window Shades & Blinds



FREE ESTIMATES & CUSTOM INSTALLATIONS

Hours: Mon-Wed 9-5; Thurs 9-8; Fri 9-5; Sat 9-2
Lowell & Cheryl Grubb, Proprietors



Debbie Pettinari
Agent

Hello,
neighbor!

Please stop by and say, "Hi!"
I'm looking forward to serving your
needs for insurance and financial services.
Like a good neighbor
State Farm is there.®
CALL ME TODAY.

106 S. Broadway, Wind Gap, PA. 18019
Business: 610-881-4433 Fax: 610-881-4432
Debbie.pettinari.wz73@statefarm.com



State Farm, Home Office, Bloomington, IL

Slate Belt Energy Services

SBE

610-599-8832

We service and install
all brands and types
of heating systems.

24 hour emergency service

Low Interest financing. Credit cards accepted.
Certified in all aspects of energy conservation.

www.SlateBeltEnergy.com

REALTY EXECUTIVES

Call us for all your Real Estate needs.

Joe & Nancy Kessler
Corinne Groff and Colin Kessler
31 W First Street, Wind Gap
Office: 610.863.8444
Direct: 484.515.2947
joe@kesslerhometeam.com
www.KesslerHomeTeam.com



Our trained caregivers are responsible for providing clients with the best in home care to make your day to day life as simple as possible. Call us today and find out what we can do to help you.

Because There's No Place Like Home



Our Services Include:

EOE

Meal Preparation • Transportation • Lt. Housekeeping
Personal Grooming & Dressing • Overnight Supervision • Companionship



KEEPING SENIORS INDEPENDENT

101 Timberlane Drive ~ Bangor, PA

610-881-4500 or 610-588-6000



45th Wedding Anniversary

Ted & Michelena Smith recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. The couple was married March 2, 1974 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel by the late Fr. Gennaro Leone. Ted is the son of the late Stewart & Edna Smith & Michelena is the daughter of Frank and Mary Comunale all of Bangor. They are parents to Matthew 43, husband to Charlene, Bangor & Michelena Furnish, 41, wife of Christopher, Morehead KY. They are grandparents to Jacob 11 & Carter 8, Smith & Chance 13 & Josephine 9, Furnish. The newly retired couple has just returned from a trip to Alaska where Miki ran the Fur Rondy Frostbite Race. They look forward to enjoying their grand-children, traveling with their children & their families & another Grand Canyon rim to rim later in the year.

Pennsylvanians Urged to Exercise Caution to Prevent Wildfires

By Terry Brady

HARRISBURG - Today, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn called upon Pennsylvania residents to exercise wildfire prevention vigilance throughout a three-month period when major fires are most likely across the state's forests and brush lands.

DCNR statistics show nearly 85 percent of Pennsylvania's wildfires occur in March, April, and May, before the greening of state woodlands and brushy areas.

"Because of seemingly endless rainy periods, Pennsylvania's 2018 wildfire season was relatively short-lived in the spring, but conditions can change almost overnight," cautioned Dunn. "Lack of foliage, strong sun, and drying winds all cause fire danger in our woodlands to spike rapidly."

Although the weather this week is winter-like, March marks the start of a "sometimes very dangerous three months," Dunn said. "That's why Governor Tom Wolf this year has proclaimed March 3 - 9 as Wildfire Prevention Week."

Human carelessness continued to lead the list of causes as wildfires across the state in 2018.

A total of 690 wildfires, ranging from less than one acre in size to almost 690 acres, were reported last year. They consumed 1,843 acres, well below the 10-year average of 4,000 acres.

"When visitors are careless with burning trash, campfires, and smoking, volunteer firefighters often pay the price, answering call after call in spring woodlands that are ripe for damaging, life-threatening wildfires," said Dunn.

Anglers, campers, and other state forest visitors are reminded open fires are prohibited on state forestland from March 1 to May 25, and when the fire danger is listed as high, very high, or extreme, unless authorized by district foresters.

For more information on Wildfire Prevention Week activities, contact local district foresters; call the Bureau of Forestry at 717-787-2925; or visit the DCNR website.



Blue Valley Farm Show

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST

March 19th
7:30am-12:30pm

Featuring.....

- *Homemade Cream Chipped Beef*
- *Homefries with or without onions*



Scrambled Eggs ~ Kielbasa ~ French Toast

Scrapple ~ Pork Sausage ~ Ham

Turkey Sausage ~ Pancakes



Desserts - Cakes - Donuts - Shoe-fly Pie - Puddings

Orange Juice Fountain - Coffee - Tea - Hot Chocolate

Farm Show Auditorium

Off Rt. 512 between Bangor & Pen Argyl

Adults -\$10
Kids over 6 - \$5
Under 6 - FREE