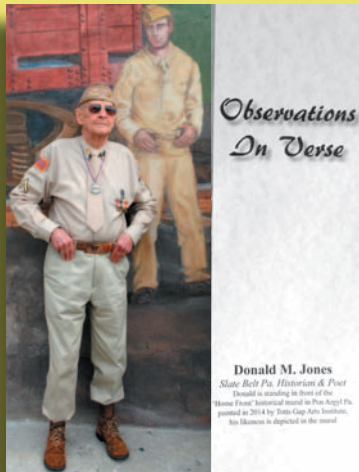


A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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In Verse

Donald M. Jones
Slate Belt Pa. Historian & Poet
Donald is standing in front of the
Harrisburg Historical Society in Pen Argyl Pa.
printed in 2014 by Stone Gap Arts Institute.
His likeness is depicted in the record.

SPRING

After a long cold winter,
Spring has a pleasant ring.
And after too much snow,
It's a wonderful thing.

Crocus shoots burst through the ground,
Swelling buds on trees simply abound.
Now is the time the birds begin to sing,
And returning geese are on the wing.

And if you're like me,
You can't wait to see,
The barren earth turn green.

What a wonderful sight,
What a welcome delight to witness
This awakening scene.

And yet all these wonders are but part
of a plan
Created for us by a wave of God's right
hand.

PA Fish and Boat Commission Cancellation

By Mike Parker / Communications Director Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

HARRISBURG - Please note that due to concerns over the COVID-19 outbreak, trout stocking activities will continue under a revised accelerated schedule as announced by the PFBC, but these activities will not be open to the public and all previously advertised stocking dates have been revised.

See news release: <https://www.media.pa.gov/Pages/fish-and-Boat-Commission-Details.aspx?newsid=312>

A celebration surrounding the renewal of Minsi Lake will be announced at a later date.

The statewide mentored youth trout day will occur on Saturday, April 11th. The regional early day of trout season date is Saturday April 4th. The statewide opening day of trout season for all ages is Saturday, April 18th.

Gov. Tom Wolf Orders All Pennsylvania Businesses That Aren't 'Life-sustaining' To Close, Will Enforce Order

HARRISBURG — Gov. Tom Wolf on Thursday announced that all but “life-sustaining” businesses in Pennsylvania must shut down immediately as the state braces for exponential increases in the number of people sickened by the novel coronavirus.

Unlike earlier in the week when Wolf urged nonessential businesses to voluntarily close the latest order came with a stern warning: those out of compliance as of Saturday 2/21/20 could face strict penalties.

For the full list go here: <https://www.spotlightpa.org/.../pennsylvania-coronavirus-lif.../>

Those businesses considered “life-sustaining” include grocery stores, gas stations, farms, and transit systems, according to the Wolf administration.

“To protect the health and safety of all Pennsylvanians, we need to take more aggressive mitigation actions,” Wolf said in a statement. “This virus is an invisible danger that could be present everywhere. We need to act with the strength we use against any other severe threat. And, we need to act now before the illness spreads more widely.”

The order takes effect immediately and will remain in place “until further notice.”



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Columbia Self Storage will sell the contents of the occupant's leased space at public auction to satisfy the owner's lien on StorageTreasures.com all personal property stored in this facility by: Daniel Steinmet, unit 124, consisting of appliances, boxes, furniture, misc. items. Brett Lawson, unit 222, consisting of boxes, furniture, misc. items. Dwight Stonewall, unit 901 consisting of misc. items. Items will be offered for sale by auction to the highest bidder for enforcement of storage liens.

Auction will be held at 9AM, Tuesday, March 31st, 2020 on StorageTreasures.com.

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Hahn Temporarily Suspends Walk-In Services at District Office Over COVID-19 Concerns

By Michael Plummer

WIND GAP – Rep. Marcia Hahn (R-Northampton County) today announced that her district office in Wind Gap will be temporarily closed to walk-in constituent services until further notice due to health concerns surrounding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Hahn's staff will still be available to assist residents over the telephone or email with any state-related matter.

"Out of an abundance of caution, I have chosen to put on hold any services that would risk the health or safety of the public," said Hahn. "By this, I hope to help safeguard the wellbeing of my constituents—many of whom are senior citizens and, therefore, more vulnerable to this virus."

"Although my office will no longer be accepting walk-ins, my staff and I hope that constituents will continue to reach out through the available channels with any concerns they have. We are here to help in this difficult time and hopeful that regular services can resume shortly."

Hahn has requested that constituents call her district office at 610-746-2100. She and her staff can also be reached via email at mhahn@pahousegop.com

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov, or the Pennsylvania Department of Health website at www.health.pa.gov



Emrick to Temporarily Suspend Walk-In District Services Over Coronavirus Concerns

B Rep. Joe Emrick

NAZARETH – Due to the governor's coronavirus mitigation plan, Rep. Joe Emrick (R-Northampton) today announced that his district offices in Bangor and Nazareth will temporarily suspend walk-in constituent services until further notice due to health concerns.

Emrick's offices will remain fully operational, as his staff will still be available to assist residents over the telephone or email with any state-related matter.

"My top priority is protecting the well-being of my constituents and staff," said Emrick. "Although we are suspending in-person visits, my office remains prepared to help local residents navigate this difficult time while still observing the recommended social distancing practices."

For Bangor inquiries, please call 610-588-8011 or email kesposito@pahousegop.com or tblack@pahousegop.com.

For Nazareth inquiries, please call 610-746-5090 or email rkilbank@pahousegop.com or ydepue@pahousegop.com.

For Harrisburg inquiries, please call 717-260-6159 or email akelly@pahousegop.com.

Emrick and his staff can also be reached through his website at www.RepEmrick.com

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov, or the Pennsylvania Department of Health website at www.health.pa.gov



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