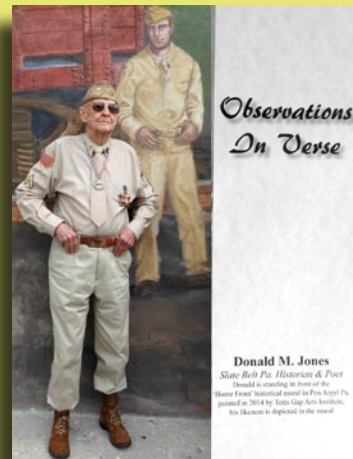


A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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Observations
In Verse

Donald M. Jones
Slate Belt Pa. Historian & Poet

GOING CANOEING

Our church group went canoeing,
Boy! What a lot of fun!
Riding the currents in the Delaware
Under a hot summer sun

Being new at river canoeing
We drifted let and to the right.
We paddled hard to straighten out
I'm sure we made quite a sight.

We went through the rapids with a big splash,
The canoe bouncing from side to side.
We got a little wet but had to laugh,
For it was a most exciting ride.

At one point in the river
Our canoe ran aground.
Tracy jumped into the "six inch" river
And soon we were Kittatiny bound.

We missed the beach where we were to land,
And our trip was made a little longer.
We had to paddle against the current,
Which was a little stronger.

Then safely ashore and a little bit tired,
We were really proud of our feat.
But we all perked up when someone said,
"Is everybody ready to eat?"

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Portland/UMBT Annual Fourth of July Parade



Saturday July 4th 2020 - beginning at 11:00 am

THE PARADE ROUTE IS CHANGED FOR THIS YEAR

The parade begins at the William Pensyl Social Hall on State Street, Portland, PA.

The parade route is as follows:
From the Dunkin Donuts on Route 611 Portland turning left onto Delaware Avenue. Turning left onto Turkey Ridge Road. Turning left onto Saddle Creek Drive. Turning left onto Million Dollar Hwy. Turning right onto Ramblewood. Turning left onto Totts Gap Road. Going straight onto Johnsonville Road. Crosses Route 512 onto Orchard Road. Turning left onto Evergreen Road. Turning right onto Independence Road into Evergreen Village. Turning left onto Flintlock passing the clubhouse. Turning left on Revolutionary. Turning left onto Powderhorn. Turning right on Independence exiting Evergreen Village. Turning right onto Evergreen Road to Route 611. Parade ends at Route 611

Please observe the Governors orders for COVID 19.

- Limit crowds to no more than 25 people.
- Wear masks and practice social distancing.
- Stay in cars along the parade route.

Please be respectful of the properties along the parade route and fellow parade watchers.

Bring snacks, the parade will be moving at parade speed

If you are along the parade route, join the celebration by decorating your house/property, cars, bikes, kids, dogs and grandparents!!!

Please remember to help us celebrate safely!!!!

DCNR

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Limited restrooms are currently available at selected locations throughout the park including:

In NJ: Kittatinny Point Main parking lot (weekends only), Turtle Beach, Poxono boat launch, Blue Mountain Lakes, and Upper Van Campens Glen; In PA: Bushkill Meeting Center; Toms Creek Picnic Area, Raymondskill Falls, Bushkill Access, Dingmans Access, Milford Beach canoe launch, and Smithfield Beach canoe and boat launches;

Additional restrooms will be reopened over the next several weeks. Some park restrooms will remain closed this year.

Fee collection will resume at 6 fee areas in the park on June 18, including: Smithfield, Milford and Turtle Beaches, Watergate Recreation Site, and Dingmans and Bushkill boat and canoe launches. Annual passes are available for \$45 and are for sale at Milford, Smithfield, and Turtle Beach fee stations on weekends. Passes are also available by mail. Applications can be found at: <https://www.nps.gov/dewa/planyourvisit/fees.htm>.

Most trails in the park are open. Information about park trails, including maps and driving directions, can be found on the park website. Campsites along the Delaware River and along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail within the park remain closed until further notice.

Park visitor centers will not be open this summer. Instead, staff who would have been stationed at visitor centers will be out in the park at popular locations to provide information and assist visitors. For information about the park, call the Information Desk, staffed daily from 8 am to 4 pm, at (570) 588-7213; visit the park website at www.nps.gov/dewa; or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DelWaterGapNPS.

The NPS encourages visitors to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to follow Leave No Trace principles when visiting the park.

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JULY 8TH & 9TH, 2020

Nurture Nature Center is pleased to announce its first annual Youth Climate Summit!

Featuring keynote speaker Maurice Henderson with NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

All youth across the Lehigh Valley are welcome to attend, learn about climate change and actions you can take in your local community, and meet other like-minded youth!

Attend one or both days, a few or all sessions - come connect at the Youth Climate Summit.

Wednesday July 8th 3:30-6 pm
3:30-4:30 pm - Keynote talk with Maurice Henderson - Global Climate Change
4:30-4:45 pm - Climate Communication - Artist highlights
4:45-5:45 pm - Dr. Kathryn Semmens and Lauren Fosbenner - Bringing the Global to the Local: how you may contribute to and be impacted by climate change.
5:45 pm - Wrap Up Day 1

Thursday July 9th 3:30-6 pm
3:30 - 4:30 pm - Panel discussion featuring local leaders in climate change, community, and mitigation strategies - What can we do as a community, school, and individuals?
4:30-4:45 pm - Climate Communication - Artist highlights
4:45-5:45 pm - Panel discussion about climate action projects, case studies of other efforts, and more - featuring NNC CREATE ambassadors.
5:45 pm - Wrap Up Day 2 and Next Steps

Virtual! You can participate from anywhere using the details below (no pre-registration required)!
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For more information visit:
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