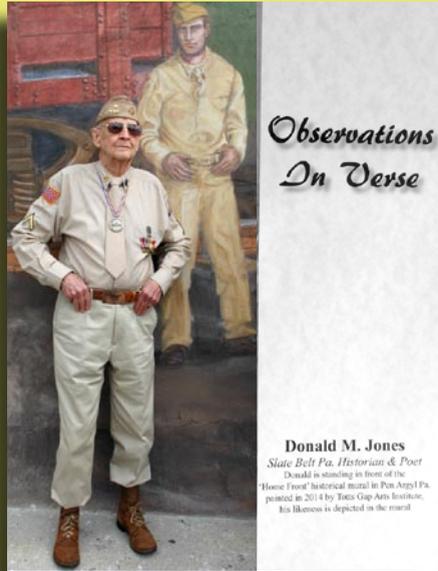


A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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CLOUDS

Cloud formations always fascinate me.
Shaping and forming, and totally free.
Like ships sailing in a sea of blue
Over the horizon, then gone from view.

Cloud formations, completely new each day
A wonderful scene; don't turn away.
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Hahn Stands Up for Dairy Farms With Committee Vote

By Office of Marcia Hahn

HARRISBURG - With Pennsylvania dairy farmers facing more and more challenges, state Rep. Marcia Hahn (R-Bushkill Township) joined her House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee colleagues Tuesday in advancing legislation that would support the industry at both the producer and consumer level.

"Pennsylvania trails only Wisconsin in total dairy farms per state, but our numbers are on the decline and our dairy infrastructure is beginning to show signs of age as fewer young people enter the business," Hahn said. "Demand is still high, so it is critical that we find ways to attract investment in the dairy industry. The bills we passed Tuesday will hopefully lead to that."

The committee unanimously passed House Resolution 222, which would ask the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) to enforce its own regulation and ensure clarity in the marketplace concerning the term "milk," so consumers know what they are buying.

"The USFDA has defined milk as being a product of the 'milking of one or more healthy cows,' and we're simply asking them to be consistent and hold to the definition they have established," Hahn said.

Also passed was a resolution supporting Pennsylvania Congressman Glenn Thompson's federal legislation to re-introduce whole milk to public school lunch programs.

"Two years ago, the federal government rolled back the portion of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 that required schools to offer only nonfat flavored milk or 1% white milk," added Hahn. "House Resolution 402 returns to students the option of drinking whole milk, which has benefits as well."

Questions about this or any state government issue should be directed to Hahn's district office at 610-746-2100.

What We Plant, Where We Plant

By DCNR

MARSHALS CREEK - What we plant, where we plant, and how we care for our gardens can help reduce our energy and water usage, carbon footprint, and more. Try some of these green tips this gardening season: Place rain barrels under downspouts and use the water for your lawn or garden

Choose native plants which thrive with less maintenance, reducing the need to water and fertilize them. Plant clumps of natives with different flower colors and shapes, and that flower at different times of the year for pollinators.

Compost kitchen and yard trimmings to help cut down landfill waste and need for chemical fertilizers

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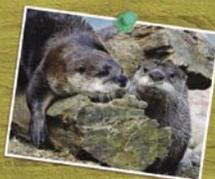
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Clock Wise - The Initiative Award was presented to "The Readers" for the Homefront Project, Karen Brewer from the center, Michael Ortoski from The Slate Belt Chamber gave the Special Focus Award winners Mrs. Jacqueline Bartosh and Mr. Ty Bartosh owners of Greenwalk Trout Hatchery award for their continued work to keep the water shed clean and pure and the environmental impact of their dedication is an asset to the Slate Belt.



Preservation Awards

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in saving or conserving a historic building, place or artifact where restoration is authentic to preservation. This years' award will be presented to Sherry & Gary Haycock. They have restored the former Conrad Miller house, which was built at the end of the 19th century. This house was in total disrepair, left to decay with trees growing up to hide its former splendor. The original clapboard was repaired and has remained intact. The original window and doors have been kept and returned to their former state. The wrap around porch was totally restored along with tongue-in-groove flooring. All the floors in the house have been refinished to reflect the original parquet wood. The kitchen has minimal updates, keeping the original sink, some cabinets and a fire place. Woodwork, throughout the house, was kept in original condition. Walls were re-plastered and a picture rail remains. All stained glass windows were restored and original radiators were kept with slate or iron scroll work toppers. The grounds surrounding the home have been cleared to promote the picturesque setting.

The Initiative Award is presented to an individual(s) who has shown exemplary actions in promoting and preserving Slate Belt heritage through in-kind actions. This award will be presented to Mrs. Diane Richards, Mrs. Judy Bowley, Mrs. Ann Miller, and Mrs. Peggy Reimer. Known as "The Readers" for the Homefront Project, they have worked tirelessly over three years to read, summarize, rate and archive over 3200 Homefront letters. They spent countless hours at the Center receiving only the satisfaction of knowing that they were preserving a piece of Slate Belt history. The Homefront Letters book could not have been written without their efforts. Mr. Lawrence Rosato will also receive a certificate for his unending dedication to keep the Heritage Center maintained weekly.

The Special Focus Award is presented to an individual(s) who has shown exemplary actions in saving or conserving traditions or a body of knowledge. That individual who contributes to education information via documentation. This award will be presented to Mrs. Jacqueline Bartosh and Mr. Ty Bartosh owners of Greenwalk Trout Hatchery. Upon inheriting the hatchery from Mrs. Bartosh's father, they have continually worked to keep the water shed clean and pure. The environmental impact of their dedication is an asset to the Slate Belt. The introduction of Nestle Corporation into the hatchery's spring water has made their contribution more environmentally sound. They also run educational programs for elementary students, at the hatchery, and continue to grow the Greenwalk name. Their efforts have sustained the old fashioned way for a long period of time.