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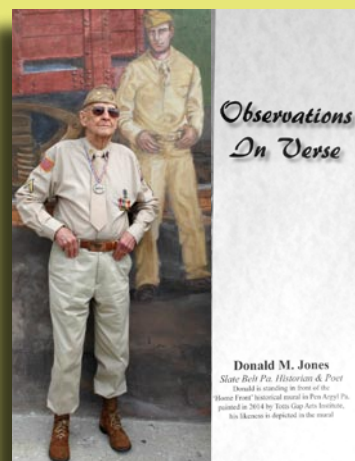
## THE FOURTH OF JULY

It's been eight years since our bicentennial  
My, how the time does fly.  
But we are continually reminded of our Independence  
By celebrating the Fourth of July.

With picnics and flags and fireworks  
We celebrate this freedom holiday,  
We treasure our freedom, we enjoy our freedom  
And intend to acknowledge it in every way

So let's fly the flag and wave the banner  
And be as patriotic as we can be.  
And show the rest of the world  
How we feel about our liberty.

You say it's "corny" to wave a flag  
Or for liberty's sake, give a shout.  
Well, waving a flag and shouting out loud  
Is what freedom is all about.



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**Portland/UMBT Annual Fourth of July Parade**



Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> 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!!!!

## NCC's Center for College and Career Readiness Celebrates Students

By Michael Ortoski

BETHLEHEM - Northampton Community College would celebrate GED® recipients during a graduation ceremony in June 2020; however, the COVID-19 pandemic had other plans. Recent events have postponed but will not prevent the Center, staff, family and friends from celebrating the hard work of students. The Center is planning a formal celebration in the Fall to officially celebrate all GED® credential recipients and welcome family and friends to enjoy this moment.

The GED® test is rigorous and tests a student's critical thinking, problem-solving and deductive reasoning skills. Students who have received their GED® credential were required to pass four subject areas – Reasoning through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science and Social Studies. This credential is one of the first steps for students in obtaining employment, keeping their job, getting a better job, or advancing to postsecondary education or training.

Currently, 20 students have earned their GED® credential prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, with more students registering to take the GED® test once testing centers reopen. Of the 20 students, 12 students would like to be recognized: Monroe Campus - Samantha McManus, Clifford Newman, Alexis Sanabria and Sharon Wilson; Fowler Family Southside Center – Nally Baez, Jose Diaz, Enrique Gonzalez, Anthony Martinez, Jacob Santiago and Brandon Wesner; Bangor, Pen Argyl, and Nazareth School Districts - Mark Braham and Marjorie Lemler. Students would like to thank Center staff who made the accomplishment possible.

The Center operates programs in Monroe, Northampton, Pike and Wayne County. For additional information about classes, please call (570) 369-1883 for Monroe, Pike and Wayne classes and (610) 332-8650 for Northampton County and School District classes.

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**1ST ANNUAL YOUTH CLIMATE SUMMIT OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY**

**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)!  
NNC Youth Climate Summit of the Lehigh Valley  
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The 1st Annual Youth Climate Summit is part of CREATE Resilience, a project of the Nurture Nature Center, Easton, PA

For more information visit:  
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