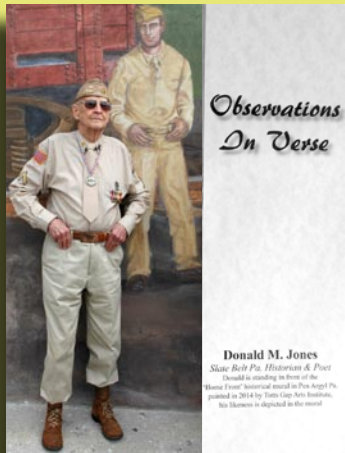


A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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THE FARMER

The sod is turned as the fields
are plowed
In fields as far as the eye can
see.
Stretching on for acre and acre
They seem to go on indefinitely.

With modern equipment he gets
more done.
Do you suppose before tractors
it was more fun?
He talked to the horses to do his
bidding,
Today it's air-conditioned where
he's sitting.

Everything today is on a large
scale,
Gone forever is the old milk
pail.
It seems there is only one way-
Modern's the word to make the
farm pay.

But it's still a tough life, the hours
are long
And if it's "easy" you want, you
don't belong
On a tractor, a wagon, or in a
barn,
It's no place for you, "down on
the farm".

National Immunization Awareness Month

By Michael Ortoski

SLATE BELT - National Immunization Awareness Month reminds us that making sure children's immunizations are up-to-date is part of back-to-school preparations.

Vaccines protect against conditions that can be life-threatening, such as measles, mumps & hepatitis. The provisional period in which Pennsylvania students can attend school without their vaccinations is five days. You find an array of information on school immunizations here.

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/immunizations/Pages/School.aspx>

<h1>FREE CLASSES</h1>			<h1>GED</h1>			<h1>BEGINS September</h1>		
BANGOR Tue. & Thur. Begins Sept. 17th 6:00-8:30 P.M. DeFranco Elem. School Library 267 Five Points Richmond Road			PEN ARGYL Mon. & Thur. Begins Sept. 16 6:00-8:30 P.M. Pen Argyl Sr. High School Library 501 W. Laurel Ave.			NAZARETH Tue. & Thur. Begins Sept. 24th 6:00-8:30 P.M. Nazareth Sr. High School Library 501 E. Center Street		
<p>THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASS IS ORIENTATION STUDENTS MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS. If a student cannot attend both days in September, they must wait until February 2020 to begin. Computer Training is included in all classes. Adults who attend class, complete requirements and pass the GED may be eligible for an equivalency High School Diploma. Please contact www.GED.com for info about test.</p>								
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Safe2Say Something Reporting System Gets Results

By Michael Ortoski

SLATE BELT - An anonymous reporting system designed to give students, teachers, parents and community members the ability to anonymously report potential threats and other problems has collected nearly 23,500 tips in its first six months of operation, according to a report from the Office of Attorney General. The Safe2Say Something program, created by a 2018 law, launched in mid-January to give students a way to share information without fear of repercussions or blame from their peers. Among the most common issues reported included bullying/cyber bullying; cutting/self-harm; suicide/suicide ideation; depression/anxiety; and drug use/distribution/possession. To report a possible dangerous or violent situation, individuals can call the state tip line at 844-723-2729. Tips can also be reported to safe2saypa.org or through the Safe2Say app on iPhone and Android devices.



Slate Belt Rising To Hold Tenant Rights Workshop

By Steve Reider

BANGOR - As part of its revitalization effort in the Slate Belt region, the Slate Belt Rising Neighborhood Partnership Program will be collaborating with both the Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania and North Penn Legal Services to host a Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Workshop. Slate Belt Rising has recognized that there is a high volume of rental properties within the Slate Belt region and this workshop is a follow-up program to the Landlord Training Workshop that Slate Belt Rising hosted in 2018. The workshop is free and is being offered as a resource to educate individuals on their rights and responsibilities as renters.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 11 from 6 pm until 9 pm at the William Penn Social Hall, 111 State Street, Portland, PA 18351. Food will be provided and each attendee will receive a raffle prize entry. Registration is required; the registration deadline is Wednesday, September 4. For additional information and to register, contact Slate Belt Rising by phone at 484-523-0900 or by email at sreider@cacvl.org

Funding for the Slate Belt Rising program is provided by Waste Management and Merchants Bank of Bangor, both of which receive tax credits from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. ESSA Bank and Trust, Fulton Bank and the County of Northampton provide additional support.



Bangor High School Class of 1960

By Mary Toth

BANGOR - The Bangor Area High School Class of 1960 got together with local classmates between our five-year reunions to catch up with one another. This year's event was held at the Washington Township Fire Company pavilion. Present at this year's get-together are: Front Row: Gloria Cerino Tolotto, Petrina DeFilippantonio Billger, Dolores Snyder Vreeland, Annette Hopper Godshalk, Joanne Caiazza Viglione, Mary Jane Ott Skrzypek, June Saddler Jones, Mary Ann Albert Ponnett, Marian Werner Borneman, and Robert Bush.

Back Row: Alfred Grassa, Carol Getz Mains, Donald Buzzard, Mary Louise Hamm Toth, John Martocci, Janet Steinmetz Martocci, Barbara Constable Zavacky, Bruce Garis, Kay Chamberlain Stofflet, Bruce Altofer, Brenda Altofer, Patrick Bozzuto, and Jim Billotta