

# A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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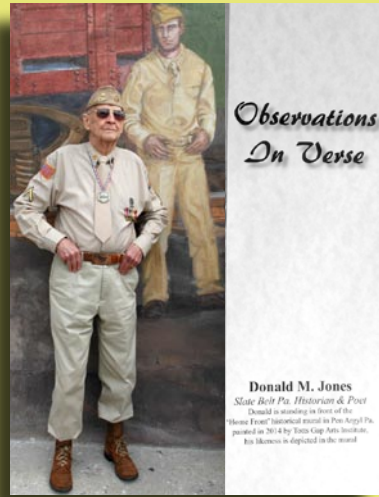
## MY SISTER

Not a boyhood pal like a brother,  
But still she is like no other,  
This younger sister of mine.

A sister like this is hard to find,  
To me she's always been "one of a kind",  
This youngster sister of mine.

When growing up she was extremely loyal,  
Ready to fight, as much as any boy'll,  
This youngster sister of mine.

Devoted to family and friend  
On whom you can always depend  
I'm proud that she's  
"that wonderful sister of mine".



Donald M. Jones  
Slate Belt Pa. Historian & Poet  
Donald is standing to the left of the  
"Stone Miner" historical statue in Pen Argyl Pa.  
located in 2014 by Stone Gap Arts Institute.  
His likeness is depicted in the word.

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## Mark Your Calendars for Our Senior Fair

By Rep. Joe Emrick

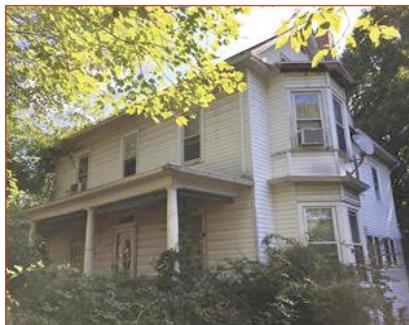
Make plans to attend our annual Senior Fair, which is scheduled to take place on Friday, Oct. 18, at the Forks Township Community Center, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The center is located at 500 Zucksville Road, Easton, 18040.

This free event will feature nearly 70 agencies and businesses that will provide information on the services and programs they provide to older residents in our area. Free flu shots will be available from Lehigh Valley Health Network. Light refreshments will also be served.

I look forward to seeing you there!



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# Auditor General DePasquale Applauds Gov. Wolf's Endorsement of Marijuana Reform

By Gary Miller

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today applauded Gov. Tom Wolf for calling on the General Assembly to reform Pennsylvania's marijuana laws as part of criminal justice reform.

"It's time for public policy to catch up with public opinion," DePasquale said, noting that recreational marijuana for adults has been approved in numerous other states and Washington, D.C.

"My research shows that regulating and taxing marijuana for adult use could generate up to \$581 million in new revenue annually – money that Pennsylvania could use to strengthen support for education, fight opioid addiction and expand access to health care," DePasquale added.

DePasquale was Pennsylvania's first statewide elected official to publicly support regulating and taxing marijuana and highlighted the potential economic benefits of doing so in a July 2018 special report. It noted that an average of 8.38 percent of Pennsylvania's adults (21 and older), or nearly 800,000 people, currently use marijuana at least monthly.

Research shows a majority of Americans now support legalizing recreational marijuana for adults, with support rising from 27 percent in 1979 to 65 percent in 2019.

Review Auditor General DePasquale's special report, Regulating and Taxing Marijuana, online at [www.paauditor.gov](http://www.paauditor.gov).



## Concealed Carry Seminar For Area Residents

By Senator Mario Scavello

PEN ARGYL - I will be hosting a Concealed Carry Seminar for area residents on Thursday, October 3 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company (2176 Route 715, Reeders).

Representatives from the Monroe County District Attorney's Office will provide an overview of concealed carry laws and answer questions. If you currently have a concealed carry license or are looking to apply for one, this seminar will help inform you as to the responsibilities and laws you must consider.

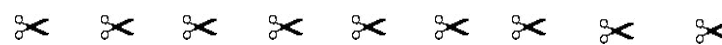
To RSVP for a spot at the event, please visit <https://www.senatorscavello.com/concealed-carry-seminar> or call 570-620-4326 to reserve your seat.

## Savings Program to Support People with Disabilities Experiences Rapid Growth

By PAABLE

HARRISBURG - A state program designed to help people with qualified disabilities save for future disability-related expenses has more than doubled its assets in just one year, reflecting the high level of popularity and need for this savings option. PAABLE provides a tax-advantaged way for Pennsylvanians with disabilities and their families to save. Participation does not jeopardize access to state and federal programs, such as Supplemental Security Income (savings up to \$100,000) and Medical Assistance.

But it does allow for savings to be used to pay for any qualified disability-related expense including housing, education, health care and assistive technology to improve quality of life. Administered by the State Treasury, the program has more than \$18.4 million in assets, up from \$8.6 million in July 2018. More than 2,500 PAABLE accounts have been opened since the program launched in 2017. For more information, visit [www.PAABLE.gov](http://www.PAABLE.gov) or call 1-855-529-ABLE (2253).



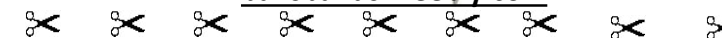
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|---|------------------|------------------------|---|
| ✂ | October 16       | Band Fall Concert      | ✂ |
| ✂ | October 25       | "Bandorama" Concert    | ✂ |
| ✂ | November 16      | Choir Lip Sync Concert | ✂ |
| ✂ | November 20 7 PM | Choir Disney Concert   | ✂ |
| ✂ | December 4       | Choir Winter Concert   | ✂ |
| ✂ | December 14      | Band Winter Concert    | ✂ |

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