

A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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AUTUMN

The sun has entered Libra
Meaning Autumn has begun.
The days are getting cooler;
Gone is the harvest sun.

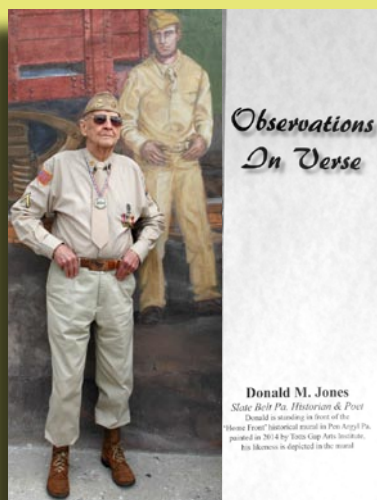
The harvest moon is forming,
Hanging low and shining bring.
You can tell it's really Autumn
By the crisp air of the night.

The changing foliage hails the new season,
Sporting reds, and yellows and brown.

Take time to look at this display
For strong winds will bring them down.

They may be raked and put aside
Or left to blow away.

But when you smell the burning leaves
You'll know Autumn is here to stay.



Observations
In Verse

Donald M. Jones
Slate Belt Pa. Historian & Poet
Donald is standing in front of the
"Yellow Fever" mannequin erected in Pen Argyl Pa.
painted in 2014 by Youth Gap Arts Institute.
His likeness is depicted in the poem.

24 Interviews of Pen Argyl and Bangor Now Available

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - The 24 interviews of past participants in the Pen Argyl/Bangor Football Game Rivalry are now available to view. Local Historian, Walter Cole, has talked extensively to many local people, including football players, cheerleaders, band members and administrators, about their experiences for the 100th Anniversary Football Game between Pen Argyl and Bangor High Schools. The game will be held at 11:30 am on Saturday, October 26 at the Paul Farnan Memorial Football Field at Bangor Park. To view these interviews online, go to penargylathletics.org and scroll down to announcements. Listed will be Walt Cole 100th Football Rivalry Interviews.



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15th Annual Holiday Fine Arts and Crafts Festival

By Catherine Schratt, for the Pocono Mountain Arts Council

TOBYHANNA - We are delighted to present our 15th Annual Holiday Fine Arts and Crafts Festival at our exciting new location: The Conference Center at Kalahari Resort. This is the same show that had its home at Skytop Lodge for fourteen years. We have greatly appreciated their hospitality, but understand their need to use that space for other events.

Please mark your calendars and join us for this shopping and browsing event on Saturday, November 30th and Sunday, December 1st - 10 AM to 5 PM both days. We have a great many new, exciting exhibitors this year, along with popular returning artists and artisans, all of whom will be bringing new pieces for you to view.

This event has no admission charge – and once again we are offering a relaxed, and attractive environment. The show is a great way to browse, shop, and chat with the artists and artisans who have created the pieces you're viewing.

Artisans from many disciplines will be exhibiting their crafts, and we are very excited to announce that a great many new, talented exhibitors have applied to the show. You will find a great diversity of work – from dramatic to whimsical - creatively expressed in these artisan categories: woodwork, gourds, pottery, glasswork, polymer clay and ceramic tile work, jewelry and more. The fine arts will be represented by gifted photographers, and by painters whose work ranges over a wide variety of styles and mediums.

Continuing our tradition of supporting young artists, we will again showcase the developing artwork of students from the members of Pocono Homeschoolers Association. And we are excited to present this year's emerging artist, Alicia Ford.

Once again, we heartily thank our business sponsors for their help in presenting this event - George Roberts Productions, Journal of the Pocono Plateau, Minuteman Press, Pocono Record, The Village View, and This Week In the Poconos.

Exhibitors at the event include: Karen Avery, Kodey Bell, Tom Branoff, Jean Broden, Elizabeth Burnett, Maureen Cosgrove, Sue Drauss, Pamela Eden, Maria Ferreris, Alicia Ford, Lenni Gritz, Marguerite Gruen, Andrea Gustitus, Bruce Hiatt, John James, Carol Kagel, Theresa Kelly, Emily Kitt, Terry Kloiber, Barbara Kurland, Maria Livrone, Marianne Oswald, Juliette Mayfield, Milan Melicharek, June Morse, Lucille Norella, Carlisle Nostrame, Joan O'Farrow, Jay and Mary Ann Paulukonis, Nancy Pitcher, Alice Prall, Louise Reeves, Frank Rehm, Mariana Russo, Hal Sadler, Sharon Santiso, Carol Schilansky, Stephanie Spotts, Elizabeth Tilly, Myra Trumpaitzky, Randy Wilkerson, and Susan Yoder.

Medicare Open Enrollment Starts Oct. 15

By Joe Emrick

Nazareth - The state Department of Aging is reminding beneficiaries of the Medicare open enrollment period starting Tuesday, Oct. 15, and continuing through Saturday, Dec. 7. During this time, you may make changes to your current Medicare coverage, as well as join, switch or drop Medicare Advantage or Prescription Drug Coverage plans.

Pennsylvania offers a free health insurance counseling program, APPRISE, through the local Area Agency on Aging. APPRISE counselors are specially trained staff and volunteers who can provide objective, easy-to-understand information at no cost to you. They can help you understand Medicare eligibility, enrollment, financial assistance programs and coverage options, among other Medicare-related topics.

Additionally, I am pleased to announce that Medicare/Medicaid Assistance will be offered at my Slate Belt Office on Tuesdays from 1-3pm beginning Oct. 15 through Dec. 3.

For more information, contact the local Area Agency on Aging or call the toll-free APPRISE Helpline at 1-800-783-7067, which is available Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information is also available here.

Grace Alliance Academy officially opened its doors

By Michael Ortoski

SAYLORSBURG - Grace Alliance Academy officially opened its doors on a beautiful Wednesday morning at Mount Eaton Church in Saylorsburg. The teachers and elementary students had so much fun their first week taking nature walks, reading about Benjamin Franklin, and creating art projects while learning about Van Gogh.

Grace Alliance Academy is a nondenominational hybrid school inspired by the methods of Charlotte Mason, educating grades K-4th. Their focus is to come along side homeschooling families and partner with them by providing two days of teacher-led, in-school instruction and optional lesson plans for the three days at home. Classes meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am-3pm. School days consist of shorter, age-appropriate class times with a push for educating the whole child through rich literature, character building, and multiple opportunities for outdoor play and learning. They cover multiple subject areas including Bible, math, language arts/phonics, history, science/nature study, artist/composer study, art and more during the days at school.

Grace Alliance Academy is still accepting new students. Contact Jillian or Lindsay today by calling (570)484-8258 or emailing at info@graceallianceacademy.org. Website www.graceallianceacademy.org.