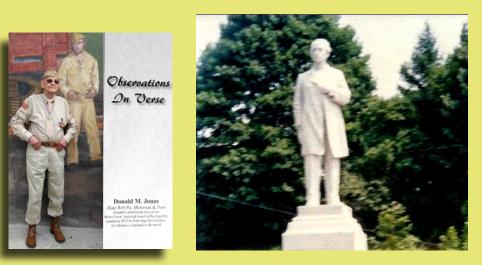
# Slate Belt History From The Archives of Donald Jones

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I Was Asked About The Statue Of Robert Morris Jones In Founder's Park. With Permission From The Borough Council We Moved It Downtown On June 6,1983. It's Hard To Believe It Has Been 37 Years Ago. We Have Been Told It Was A Good Move And An Interesting New Bit Of History To Add To Glorious Past.. Miss Marjorie Trayes, Teacher At The Mickinlley School, Was A Young Lady At The Time Of The Unveiling Of The Statue On The School Grounds In 1912. I Knew This And Asked Her To Come To The Moving Of The Statue To Founders Park. She Made History By Being The Only Person Present On This Second Very Special Occasion. A Very Special Lady In Deed.

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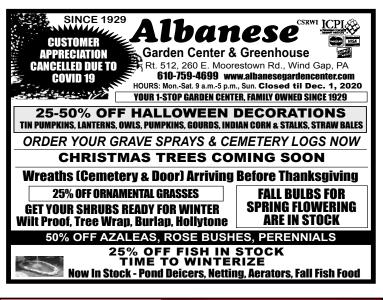
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Left Northeast Pennsylvania Environmental Council women Meg Welker thanks the members of Grand Central Landfill and its' partners and Friends of Minsi Lake members live on utube during the awards ceremony.

### Awards

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"Grand Central Landfill and its' partners Friends of Minsi Lake as well as our great friends from DCNR, Paul Karner, Bill Grant and the Scouts all earned recognition for the dedication and hard work to continue conservation, environmental protection and education in Northeast PA. It is an honor for all of us to be recognized, not individually, but together as it takes a team" said Adrienne Fors Sr. Community Relations Specialist for Waste Management. To watch the video go to : https://youtu.be/UIpVMphC8PY

The recipients of the 2020 Northeast Environmental Partnership Awards are:

Sharon Yanik Craig, Lackawanna County, for being an outstanding role model for environmental stewardship and partnerships and serving as an instrumental environmental educator in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Sharon leads by example, setting clear expectations and standards for her peers and students. She has dedicated her life to teaching and developing programs that foster an early love for nature and the natural world.

Grand Central Landfill, Northampton County, for their partnering efforts which focus on environmental conservation and stewardship. Grand Central Landfill is home to 200 acres of grassland habitat, walking trails and an environmental education center that all provide the community with programs that educate on conservation, renewable energy, recycling, wildlife management and more.

The Lands at Hillside Farms, Luzerne County, is a 412-acre non-profit educational agricultural farm that operates as a "community owned" teaching farm. The Lands partners with numerous community organizations to provide education on living a sustainable lifestyle including the value of locally grown food, importance of soil and water quality and other nature-based programs.

The Minsi Lake Cooperative Habitat Improvement Project, Northampton County, is a collaborative effort of the PA Fish & Boat Commission, Northampton County Parks and Friends of Minsi Lake. The habitat improvement project transformed a relatively habitat-barren lake basin into one that boasts wood and rock rubble habitat for fish, increasing the recreational enjoyment for many thousands of visitors to the lake.

North Branch Trout Derby Association, Wyoming County, for their efforts to provide outdoor activities for youth to create future stewards of the environment. The Association partners with many other groups to further their goal of introducing families to the outdoors for the wonderful hunting and fishing opportunities in the region.

The 26th Annual Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award was be presented to Nancy Ross, Susquehanna County. Ms. Ross is being honored for her more than 40 years of dedication to the protection and improvement of Pennsylvania's environment. Her contributions to what is now one of the premiere trail systems in NEPA, the D&H Rail Trail, is an important part of her legacy including obtaining the Rail Trail Council of NEPAs headquarters, an historic building in Uniondale, PA. Ms. Ross is a strong conservation advocate and a voice for environmental justice for rural communities across the northern tier of NEPA. She remains a tireless volunteer and champion of causes close to her heart.

For more information on the virtual awards event and how you can attend or sponsor, please contact PEC at 570-718-6507 or visit the website at www.pecpa.org and click on "events."