

# A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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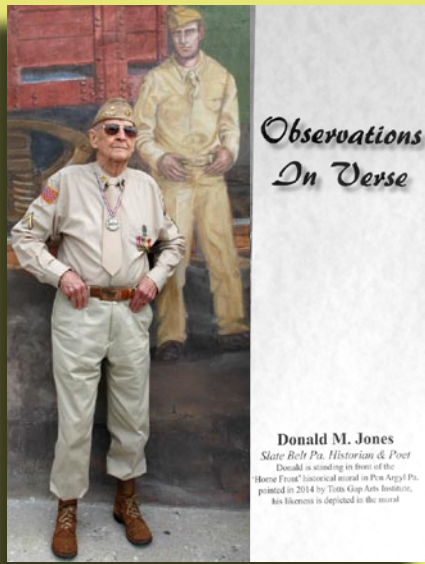
## THE FIRST SNOWFALL

The first snow fall came  
Whether we were ready or not.  
It started at dawn  
Three inches fell before it stopped.

It lay pure and white, but slippery nonetheless  
Until cinder trucks, while doing their duty,  
Turned it to a blackened mess.

The hunters enjoyed this first snowfall  
All the school children were having a ball.  
But for those who don't like snow, it soon will melt.

Yet more will follow as winter makes itself felt.



*Observations  
In Verse*

**Donald M. Jones**  
Slate Belt Pa. Historian & Poet  
Donald is standing in front of the  
"Heron Farm" historical house in Pen Argyl Pa.  
printed in 2014 by Totts Gap Arts Institute,  
his likeness is depicted in the mural

## LVEDC Education and Talent Supply Council Looks to the Future

By Colin McEvoy

LEHIGH VALLEY - The Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) Education and Talent Supply Council gathered to discuss its accomplishments over the past year, and to look forward to the year ahead.

The council is a partnership of Lehigh Valley educational institutions, major employers, and economic development and workforce agencies focused on creating and executing regional strategies that help the Lehigh Valley maintain a competitive workforce and talent supply.

"We had a very tall order and lofty goals for what we were looking to accomplish in 2019, and that was all largely done thanks to the members of this council and the work groups created therein," said Karianne Gelinas, LVEDC Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and Research.

"We are appreciative to all of you for your dedication in putting in the hard work and offering experience in specific areas to bolster the talent pipeline of the Lehigh Valley," Gelinas said to more than 50 attendees at the council meeting, which was held at the Northampton Community College campus in Bethlehem.

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**NEW LISTING!** This bi-level has been recently modernized & offers many nice features including a brand-new kitchen w/ upgraded cabinets, quartz countertops, farmhouse sink, & stone pillars. Hardwood floors, open concept, bright & cheery interior accented by soft tones. Relax on the deck, pellet stove for winter, two-car garage on 1 acre in rural country setting. **MLS# 613403 \$259,900**



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### Northampton County Grants

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Northampton County Open Space Initiative to support ecological restoration, trails, and municipal park development and rehabilitation.

The purpose of the grant program is to protect the County's important natural features by assisting municipalities and organizations to acquire, restore, and enhance permanently protected lands, to provide municipal park acquisition, development and rehabilitation project, trails and greenway development and park, recreation and open space planning efforts.

Livable Landscapes Grant Awards include:

**Bangor Borough - \$9,659.00 for Memorial Park Playground Improvements**

Borough of Hellertown - \$42,575.00 for the Dimmick Park Stair Replacement and Swale Greening

Borough of North Catasauqua - \$7,500.00 for a Trail Connectivity Plan

Borough of North Catasauqua - \$8,000.00 for the William J. Albert Memorial Park Shade Structures

**Borough of Pen Argyl - \$75,000.00 for the Weonna Park Concession Stands' Improvements**

**Borough of Wind Gap - \$79,303.00 for the Wind Gap Park Trail Project**

Bushkill Stream Conservancy - \$50,000.00 for the Bushkill Creek Restoration & Habitat Enhancement

**Bushkill Township - \$38,635.51 for the Albert Ponds Park Development**

Lower Nazareth Township - \$150,000.00 for the Newburg community Park Walking Trail and Bathroom

Palmer Township - \$106,570.00 for the Riverview Park Rehabilitation Project

**Plainfield Township - \$34,797.50 for the Municipal Building Park Pavilion Project**

"The grant funding will help our partners implement their goals to enhance their quality of life and recreational opportunities in their communities," stated Sherry Acevedo, Conservation Coordinator. "The projects awarded in community park development, rehabilitation, planning, and ecological restoration will continue to provide an exemplary park, trail, and recreation network throughout the County".

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