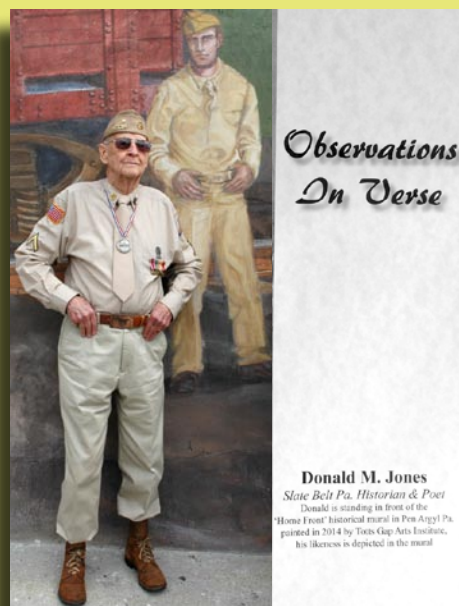


A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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*Observations
On Verse*

Donald M. Jones
Slate Belt Pa. Historian & Poet
Donald is standing in front of the
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painted in 2014 by Teds Gap Arts Institute.
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Upper Mt. Bethel Memorial Day Parade

By Michael Ortoski

UMBT - Ed Nelson TWSP manager has announced Upper Mt. Bethel will host a Memorial day parade on May 25 from noon to 2pm.

This will be a unique parade, because all the vehicles entered will be stationary in the parking lot of the municipal building and the people will be in cars & trucks driving thru the parade.

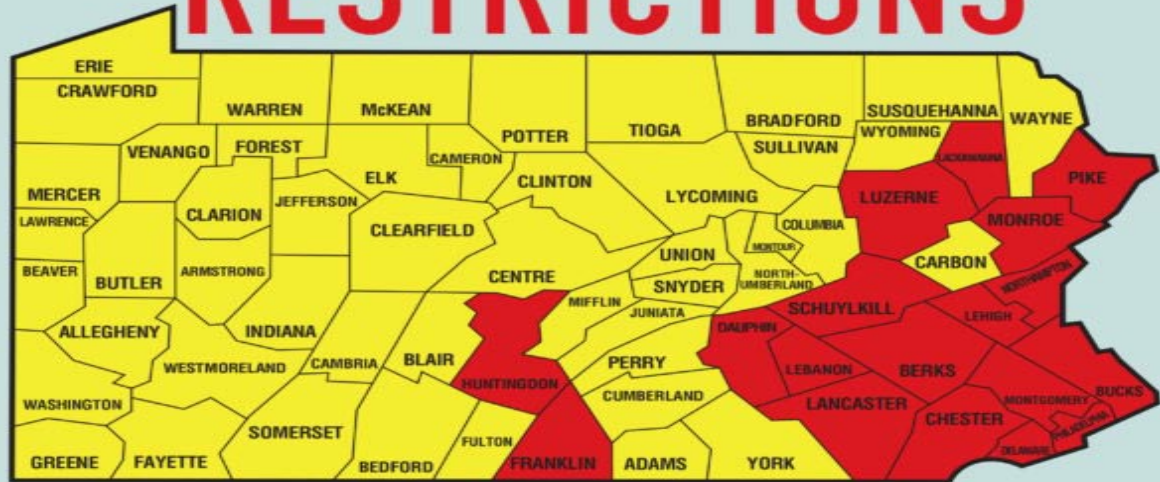
"It's the safest way we could put on this event" said Ed Nelson UMBT manager. "With everything shut down we wanted to do something to honor are Veterans and send a positive message to our community."

People are asked to stay in the flow of traffic and not get out of there vehicles during the parade.

Senator Scavello and State Rep. Joe Emrick will be attending and to help hand out food to attendees during the parade while supplies last.

Numerous Fire Co.s Ambulance Co, VFW and others will be attending. Each Veteran attending will be recognized.

GOVERNOR'S COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS



Twelve More Counties Set to Move to Yellow Phase of Reopening on May 22

By Senator Scavello

PEN ARGYL - Beginning on Friday, a dozen new counties will move to the yellow phase of reopening, bringing the total number of counties in the yellow phase to 49.

The yellow phase will allow businesses with in-person operations to open under strict health guidelines and building safety orders to reduce the risk of infection. Telework must still continue where feasible. School closures and restrictions on congregate care, prison visits and large gatherings of more than 25 people will remain in place. Indoor recreation, health and wellness facilities and entertainment venues will remain closed, and restaurants and bars will still be limited to carry-out and delivery only.

The counties added to the yellow phase are: Adams, Beaver, Carbon, Columbia, Cumberland, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Wayne, and York.

While moving more counties into this limited phase of reopening is a positive step, we need to do more to repair the enormous damage that has been caused by Governor Wolf's extended COVID-19 shutdown order. Many more local businesses believe they can open safely under the guidelines developed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Last week, the Senate passed a number of bills to allow more industries to reopen safely and to give counties more power to determine the best ways to protect both lives and livelihoods. You can learn more about these bills here <https://www.pasenategop.com/blog/senate-passes-four-bills-to-protect-lives-livelihoods/>.

Unemployment Benefits Extended 13 Weeks

By Senator Scavello

PEN ARGYL - Pennsylvanians who have an expired Unemployment Compensation claim or have exhausted their benefits under an existing claim can receive an additional 13 weeks of payments through the new Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation program. The extended benefits will be available through December 26 for claimants who have exhausted regular benefits.

If a claimant's benefits have expired, they must submit an application for the extended benefit online or mail a paper application. If an individual has an open claim and exhausts their benefits, the additional 13 weeks will be automatically added to their existing claim. Applicants will receive the same weekly benefit as their regular rate, including the additional \$600 per week from the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation program. Benefits will be available retroactive to the benefit week ending April 4.

More information on the program is available here <https://www.uc.pa.gov/unemployment-benefits/file/Pages/Filing-for-PEUC.aspx>.

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