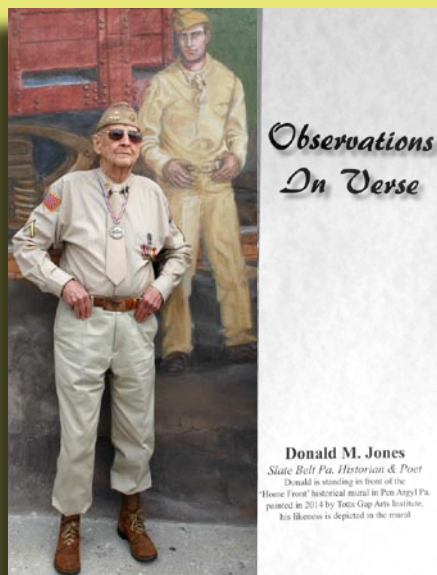


# A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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## SAY THANK YOU

When's the last time you said thanks  
To someone who did you a favor?  
Can you remember the last time you said thanks  
To a friend or neighbor?  
Too often we take for granted  
The extra things people do,  
And yet so many of these things  
Are done to please me and you.  
So the next time someone is very nice  
Or helps us with the job we must do,  
Remember the best payment you can make  
Is to say a sincere "Thank you".

## New Listing Price for High-Visibility Commercial Complex in Washington Township, Pa.

By Teel Realty

UPPER MT. NETHEL - One of Washington Township, Northampton County, Pa.'s most desirable commercial tracts is available at a new listing price, broker Terry Teel of Teel Realty announced.

The 6.23-acre property features 600 feet of road frontage and is the site of MMI Concepts of Bangor, Pa., a car sales, performance and repair operation. The property is located at 378 Locke Heights Rd, Bangor, Pa., and is listed for \$695,000.

The property includes a salvage license, multiple garage, office and storage buildings, including a 3,250 square foot building and an 1,800 square foot building, fenced-in storage areas, and additional open land. The buildings feature five 10-foot garage doors.

The site is within reach of I-80 and I-78; Routes 33, 512, 611 in Pennsylvania; and Its. 46 and 94 in New Jersey.

The property's classification identifies 25 possible uses. In addition to vehicle sales and repair, "uses permitted by right" include banking, several types of retail, restaurants including fast food, motor freight, medical, nursery/greenhouse, office, professional offices and other uses. Some uses may require site plan review.

"This is an outstanding commercial opportunity in a high-profile, very attractive setting," Teel said. "This part of the county has seen economic development and there is growing demand for additional business services."

Call Terry Teel, Teel Realty (570) 897-7325.

## "Save the Pollinators"

By Contact Ellen Phraner

STROUDSBURG - The public is invited to a self-guided tour of gardens located in the Glenbrook and Creek of Glenbrook sections of Stroudsburg, South Stroudsburg, Shawnee, and Cherry Valley on Saturday, July 13. The theme of the gardens is "Save the Pollinators". The gardens selected will include award winning gardens, 100 and 150 year old Japanese maple trees, beehives, and a waterfall. Also included is a house Jacob Stroud gave his daughter Sarah Stroud, which still has the original doors and windows. Participants can tour inside and the gardens. Tickets will be sold at Bryant Street Park, Ross and Ross Nursery, 5801 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco, and Stonewall Garden Center, 4675 Route 447, Canadensis. Light refreshments will be served at some of the houses. Contact Ellen Phraner for ticket info at 570-352-2472 or ephraner@ptd.net

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## ColumbiaFire Co. Awards Scholarships

By Joe Martocci

Columbia Fire Co. No. 1 in Roseto presented its annual scholarships to students from Bangor Area, and Faith Christian High Schools at its regular monthly meeting on May 30th. The awards are presented annually to seniors from each high school and are given in memory of all deceased firefighters. They are presented to the student who best exemplifies the spirit of civic involvement to his or her community. Each school is given the scholarship criteria and then selects the student from the senior class. This year's recipients are:



### Bangor Area HS – Ryen Beers

While at Bangor, Ryen has been a student of the month. Ryen was an Honor Roll student at Career Institute of Technology. While at CIT Ryen was also a SkillsUSA ambassador and District 11 Parliamentary Officer and won 3rd place in precision machining in the Lehigh Valley. Ryen is a Firefighter with Goodwill Fire Company in Belvidere, NJ and is currently employed at Sussex Wire.

Ryen will attend Warren County Community College in the fall majoring in Fire Safety with the ultimate goal of becoming a Fire Marshall and Fire Investigator.

### Faith Christian School – Faith Stewart

Faith is the daughter of Bruce and Margaret Stewart and has attended Faith Christian School for the past four years. While at Faith, she has served as the president of the National Honor Society for the past 2 years where she has facilitated many service projects including a homeless shelter warm-weather clothing drive and sock drive, a NHS tutoring program, a recycling competition, A.W.S.O.M Pet fundraiser, Pi Day school activities, raised awareness of Operation Christmas Child and personally took charge of two elementary students on her bus each day during transfers. As an athlete she served as captain of the soccer team and co-captain of the track team. As a member of the school worship team, she plays the violin at chapel services and school concert events. Faith attends First Baptist Church in E. Stroudsburg and is a member of the Bible Bowl team at Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church.

Faith will attend Virginia Tech in the fall and focus on Animal and Poultry Sciences with the goal of becoming a veterinarian.

## Property Tax/Rent Rebate Deadline Extended to Dec. 31

By Rep. Joe Emrick (R-Nazareth)

NAZARETH - Older adults and Pennsylvanians with disabilities now have until Dec. 31 to apply for the state's 2018 Property Tax/Rent Rebate program. The original deadline was June 30. The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for certain qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975.

As of June 1, the department had received 432,411 rebate applications. As specified by law, rebate distributions cannot begin until July 1. After June 30, rebates will be distributed as claims are received and processed. Applications typically take six to eight weeks to process. For the 2017 program year, more than \$253 million was paid to income-eligible seniors and people with disabilities who applied for rebates on rent and property taxes. Eligibility information and forms are available on my website at RepEmrick.com or by contacting my Slate Belt office at 610-588-8011 or Nazareth office at 610-746-5090. Residents are reminded that assistance in filling out the applications is available free of charge at my district office. There is no need to pay a private firm for help.

Claimants who already applied for rebates may check the status of claims online at [www.revenue.pa.gov](http://www.revenue.pa.gov) by clicking on the "Where's My Property Tax/Rent Rebate?" link. Claimants may also call, toll-free, 1-888-PATAXES to check the status of their rebates.

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