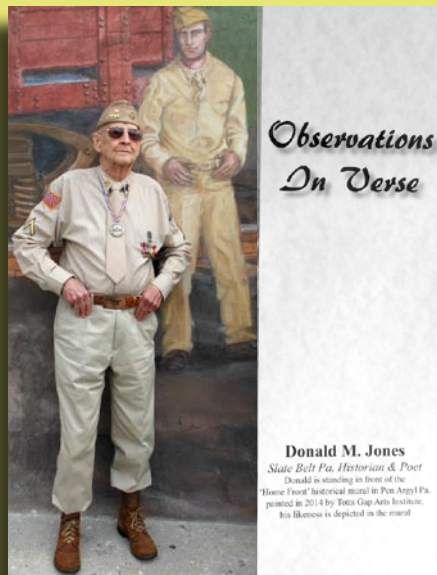


A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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THE FOURTH OF JULY

It's been eight years since our bicentennial
My, how the time does fly.
But we are continually reminded of our Independence
By celebrating the Fourth of July.

With picnics and flags and fireworks
We celebrate this freedom holiday,
We treasure our freedom, we enjoy our freedom
And intend to acknowledge it in every way

So let's fly the flag and wave the banner
And be as patriotic as we can be.
And show the rest of the world
How we feel about our liberty.

You say it's "corny" to wave a flag
Or for liberty's sake, give a shout.
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Is what freedom is all about.

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HBBA Car & Bike Show Winners

By Jill Mathews

BANGOR - "Been looking at so many photos of the Car & Bike Show this past Saturday. Thanks to everyone for sharing them. It was a fun day! HUGE THANKS to our 2019 sponsors, without you we wouldn't have been able to present these awesome trophies."

Winners are:

- 1st Place Car Show Trophy Sponsor - Dave Ceraul
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DePasquale to Revisit Dog Law Enforcement Audit

By Gary Miller

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today said he is revisiting his 2013 special performance audit of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement Office.

"I want to make sure animals are being treated humanely and that the department is following my recommendations to improve how it enforces the dog law and manages funds in the restricted dog law account," DePasquale said.

The scathing report cited "an intentional lack of enforcement" of the dog law and commercial kennel canine health regulations from 2008 to 2012, which put animals at risk of harm.

It also found numerous problems with restricted dog law funds being used for unrelated purposes. The report included 18 recommendations to address shortcomings identified in the audit.

"In addition to following up on my recommendations, I want to see how well the department is enforcing additional laws to protect dogs that have been put in place since my audit," DePasquale said.

DePasquale was joined for his announcement by Kristen Tullo, state director of the Humane Society, and three rescued dogs: Cody, Dingo and Cheekaboo.

Senate Votes to Open Primary Elections to Independents

By Christine Zubeck

Harrisburg – Senator Mario Scavella (R-40) joined Senate colleagues in voting to approve legislation allowing voters who are registered as independents to vote in Pennsylvania primary elections.

Senate Bill 300 would give over 740,000 registered unaffiliated voters the right to participate in the primary election process. On the day of the primary election, these voters would be able to choose to cast their vote on either the Republican or Democrat ballot. Voters who are registered with either the Republican Party or Democratic Party will continue to be required to vote on their respective ballots.

"Turnout in our primary elections is dismal, especially in 'off-year' elections," said Scavella. "Opening up the primaries will franchise more voters and expand the number of voices heard on Election Day. This will add energy and vitality to our democratic process. I commend Senator Scarnati for his leadership in championing this issue."

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, 16 states utilize some form of an open primary for unaffiliated voters.

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Bangor Library will hold their Annual Duck Race

By Karen Brewer

BANGOR - The Friends of the Bangor Library will hold their Annual Duck Race on July 20th in conjunction with the Downtown Bangor Merchants Sidewalk Sales.. The Ducks will be put in the Bangor (Martins) Creek at the Pennsylvania Avenue site and will make their trek down the creek which runs through the heart of town. Their destination will be at the intersection of Broadway and North Main Street, next to the library. Monetary prizes will be given out for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Tickets are available at the library for \$5.00. Post time for the race is 3:00 PM rain or shine. You do not have to be present to win. For additional information contact the library at 610-588-4136 or call Karen Brewer @ 484-894-5661. Come out and enjoy the fun.