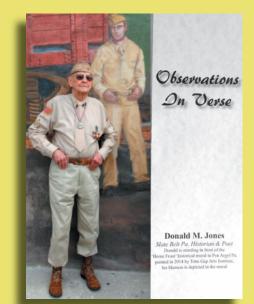
A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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GIVING BACK

Life is a gift full of pleasure Life is a gift for us to treasure. And since it's a gift shouldn't we repay Even if only in some small way.

For there are those who stand in need Those who look for some good deed. So let's repay out gift of life By helping others through storm and strife.

In offering yourself, you will find
A treasure of another kind.
It's that warm feeling that comes over you
A reward for the good things that you do.

Unbelievers!

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - They average about 15 per hour according to residents since the construction began two weeks ago on a deck replacement of an open grate bridge for the Creek Road Bridge over Martins Creek.

"I don't understand with all the signage Pen Dot put up they still come down and think they can get thru" said one of the residents.

They have been named the 'Unbelievers' by the residents who are most effected by the construction, who go thru the detour, road closed and local traffic only signage just to



have to turn around and go back a half a mile to the detour. "They shake their heads and throw their hands up, get out of their cars to take a closer look and some speed back to the detour all in disbelief."

Some homeowners who live within 100 yards had to put up road blocks to keep people from turning around in their driveway, "we sit on our patio at dinner time and make bets on how many 'Unbelievers' we will see while eating and watching Jeopardy, sometimes they come two and three at a time at rush hour" said a couple.

The worst 'Unbelievers' were two 18 wheele trucks who had to back up over a mile and thru a dangerous S turn to finally turn around.

So if you are temped at the Ridge Road and North Main St. intersection or the Columbus St. and Fox Gap Ave intersection to chance it trust me you won't get thru and if you do you will be labled an 'Unbeliever.'

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Music in the Valley; Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm By Deborah DiPasquale

Stroudsburg (PA) – On Saturday July 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. you can enjoy the sounds of traditional music ringing out through Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm. Supported in part by a Project Stream grant from the Pennsylvania Partners on the Arts program, the thirteenth annual "Music in the Valley" will feature musical performances by various groups all around the historic farm. Many of the tunes and songs will be reminiscent of the music settlers played in the 19th century.

A variety of performers will be playing at the different venues throughout the day. As a grand finale, the day will end with a jam session at 3:30. As well as performances throughout the day, there may be a chance to try a featured instrument such as a dulcimer. Puppeteer, Bonnie Scott, will hold shows throughout the day and both young and old will have fun with the puppets' antics. There will be an opportunity for children to play old fashioned games and make some crafts. The One Room School will be open and the outdoor Bake Oven will be in operation.

There will be a seminar on traditional music presented by Norm Williams, Tom Druckenmiller, and Betty Druckenmiller. A wonderful opportunity to learn the background of songs you still know and love and how the music of our country developed through the last two centuries.

The event will be held rain or shine, under tents as needed. Schedule is subject to change. Music in the Valley is included in the price of admission for the historic farm tour of 10.00 for adults and 5.00 for ages 3 - 12. The farm tours will run on Saturday from 10:00 to 5:00. Allow two and a half hours to see all of the tour. Great fun for all ages, so come for a few hours or bring a picnic lunch make a day of it.

All funds raised go to support the non-profit farm museum and its mission.

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational corporation dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the 19th century Quiet Valley farmstead, as part of Pennsylvania's rich agricultural heritage. We feature tours of the historic farm as well as special highlights throughout our summer season, the third Saturday in June through Labor Day Monday. Closed Mondays, except Labor Day Monday. Special Events are held in May, October and December.

For further information visit our website at www.quietvalley.org or call the farm at 570.992.6161.