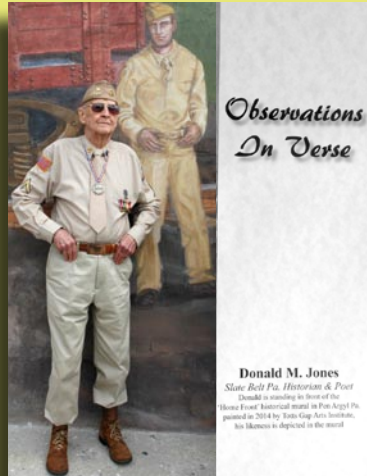


# A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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## The Salvation Army Food Pantry

By Krista A. Nagy

**PENARGYL** - The Salvation Army Food Pantry wants to help you and your family keep food on your table! The relaxed and welcoming environment of our food pantry offers choice and variety to meet your families needs. The pantry is open Tuesdays from 10am until noon or by appointment for emergency food if needed; closed the 5th Tuesday of the month. Starting this month we opened an evening opportunity for those working families that are in need however are limited due to their work schedule. The third Tuesday of every month the food pantry will be open from 6-7pm for your convenience. The next evening opportunity is Tuesday, August 20th. Stop on by and meet the staff and volunteers here to help you. Contact the office at 610-863-6677 with any questions Monday through Friday from 9am-2pm. Website: [salvationarmy.org](http://salvationarmy.org), Phone: (610) 863-6677, Address: 301 W Main St, Pen Argyl, PA 18072.

## Discussion On Mosquito-borne Disease Control And The Services

By Michael Ortoski

**BETHLEHEM** - On Tuesday, July 30th, the City of Bethlehem will host Jeffrey Carroll, Coordinator for Lehigh and Northampton Counties who will discuss mosquito-borne disease control and the services associated with the program.

Mosquito populations rise in wet weather and mosquitoes can carry West Nile Virus (WNV), Zika and other diseases.

"Northampton County, takes its commitment to public health seriously," says County Executive Lamont McClure. "West Nile can be a very dangerous disease and it is important that we prevent transmission to humans while also protecting our honeybee populations and aquatic wildlife."

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), tests mosquitos for the presence of WNV in Northampton County. Early control efforts focus on reducing mosquito breeding habitat. Adult mosquito surveys are conducted from May through October, testing them for mosquito-borne diseases. Spraying does not take place until an action threshold, a high enough percentage of positive mosquitoes indicating a threat to humans, is reached.

Successful control of the mosquito population requires community effort. Homeowners should drain any source of standing water on their property, including turning over buckets and pools and tossing unnecessary items and trash. Toys, pots, cans, tire swings and plugged gutters make for excellent mosquito breeding habitats. Mosquitoes can breed in as small a space as a soda bottle cap.

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## 71st Annual Plainfield Farmers Fair

By Michael Ortoski

PLAINFIELD TWSP. - Their theme each year is always 'Old Fashioned Fun For The Whole Family' the Plainfield Farmers Fair in their 71 st year put on another great event and got the weather you dream about when planning an event like this.

My wife and I were there on Friday night we usually start with the great chicken dinner, it's always worth the 15 min. wait in line. Next is the tour of the farm animals and the outside vendors then on to the exhibitors in the pavilion to see the winners of the food, clothing, art and flowers entries.

We were lucky enough to see a great band for the nights entertainment 'Flower Heads' performing music of the 'groovy '60s' while we ate our desert along with hundreds of other packed in the grove.

FYI the 'Flower Heads' will also be performing at the 'Summer Sounds' free concert series on August 4th at WEONA Park in Pen Argyl, another great summer event.

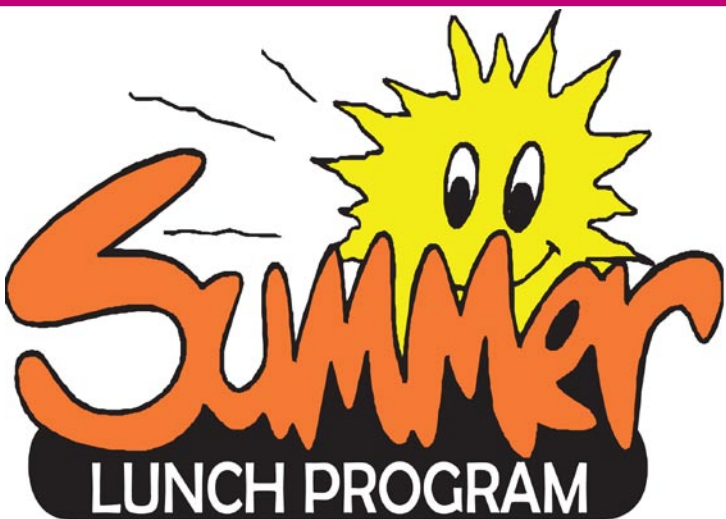
There is so much to see and do over the five days of the event from livestock, baked goods, Pocono Wildlife presentation, truck and tractor pulls to the spinning demonstrations, demolition derby and pedal adult and childrens tractor pulls just to name a few.

We are so lucky in the Slate Belt to have so may great community events all year long, thanks goes out to all the volunteers who make it happen.

The next great event is the 74th annual Blue Valley Farm Show August 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, hope to see you there!



Winner Winner Chichen Dinner!



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