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# Slate Belt History From The Archives of Donald Jones

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Robert M. Jones of Wales, who came here in 1848 as an immigrant, began the slate quarrying industry. The region became a major world center for slate. From here came slate for roofs and old-time school slates and pencils.

Did you know. The first historical marker was on the east bangor highway And was knocked down by a truck and disappeared for many years. It was located and I got it from PenDot dot.

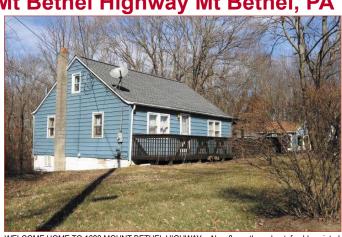
It was useless with out a post. A new one was purchased with help from the Slate belt welsh society. We got permission from the borough council to keep it in town and the new one was placed in bethel park. (Thanks Sherk Jones and Paul Kaiser.)



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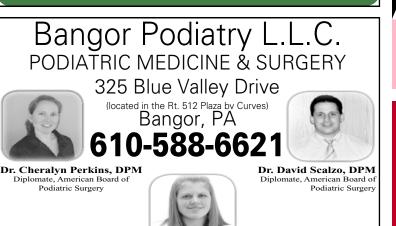
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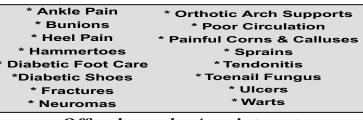
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## Northampton County mailed out \$4 million in (SBA) Grants

By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - Northampton County Fiscal Affairs Department mailed out \$4 million in Small Business Assistance (SBA) Grants to approximately 300 Northampton County businesses. Northampton County Council approved the distribution of \$4 million in CARES Act funds at their July 2nd meeting.

Applications were reviewed by a committee that included three members of County Council. "Small businesses are the lifeblood of our local economy" says Lamont McClure. "They provide jobs and deliver needed services to our residents.

These SBA loans will help them survive and thrive during this difficult time." Recipients of the grants include restaurants, hair salons and dentists. To qualify for a grant, a business must be located in Northampton County and have fewer than 100 employees. The funds can be used for rent, payroll and other operating expenses. The maximum grant amount was \$15,000 per business.



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