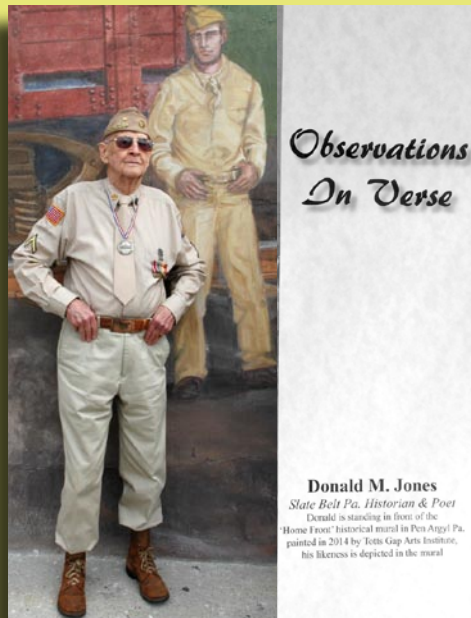


A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

Exclusively in the Blue Valley Times



The Slatebelt

Indians settled along the Delaware
A beginning of what was to be,
A picturesque land with much to offer
But slate was to be the key.

Outcroppings of slate on the land
Brought thousands here to live,
Slaters and farmers and merchants came,
Each one having so much to give.

Today the "Slatebelt" is the result
A place offering so much to all,
History and schools, scenery and friends
And hometowns lovely and "small".

A region of culture and heritage
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40 years of service as President of the West End Fair

By Michael Ortoski

BROADHEADSVILLE - On wednesday afternoon, at the West End Fair Annual Luncheon Senator Mario Scavella honored Donald Everett for his 40 years of unparalleled service as President of the West End Fair Association. Donald is the son of one of the fair's founders and began his service to the fair as a child.

In 1960, he became one of the Directors, and he also served as Assistant Secretary and Vice President before being elected President in 1978. Donald held this position until 2018. "Thank you Donald for your decades of hard work and dedication to make the West End Fair into one of the preeminent fairs in the entire Commonwealth" said Scavella.



Smokey The Bear

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borders. Fittingly, that combination of fun and seriousness always has been the embodiment of what Smokey has preached for 75 years. This is the perfect occasion to announce new funding help our volunteer fire companies."

"Smokey has been a friend and ally to firefighters throughout the nation, and an icon to park-goers young and old," State Fire Commissioner Bruce Trego said. "Though the increased threat of wildfires is relatively new, Smokey's message of responsibility and self-awareness has proven to be timeless. Prevention will always be the most effective tool we have at our disposal to fight wildfires."

Although progress has been made, wildfires remain one of the most critical environmental issues affecting the U.S.

Many Americans believe that lightning starts most wildfires. In fact, on average nearly nine out of 10 wildfires nationwide today are caused by people.

"Too often in our spring wildfire season, volunteer fire companies are kept jumping from one wildfire to the next," said Pennsylvania State Forester Ellen Shultzabarger. "They need all the help they can get, and I am delighted to announce DCNR will be again providing funding to 132 companies that need it most."

The iconic wildfire prevention spokesperson, Smokey Bear, has been at the center of the longest running -- and one of the most successful -- public service advertising campaign in U.S. history.

His actual "birthday" is tomorrow, as he first began issuing his famous reminder, "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires," back on August 9, 1944, when the U.S.D.A. Forest Service and the national Ad Council agreed a fictional bear named Smokey would be the symbol for their joint effort promoting forest fire prevention.

Over the past seven and one-half decades, the campaign has received more than \$1.5 billion in donated time and space from media companies.

Awareness levels also have remained high -- with 96 percent of the U.S. adult population recognizing Smokey Bear; and 70 percent being able to recall Smokey's tagline without any prompting.

Also, the average number of acres burned annually in wildfires has decreased from 22 million in 1944 to an average of 6.7 million today.

For more information on Pennsylvania's wildfire programs, visit the DCNR website.