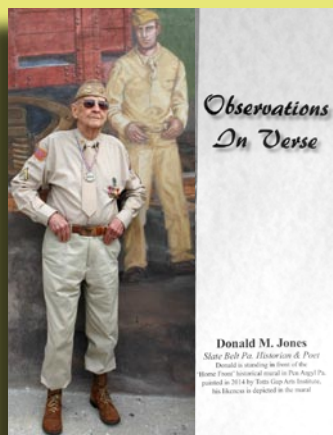


A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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CHRISTMAS TIME

It's time to enjoy family and friends,
And a feeling you wish would never end.
A time when problems seem less severe,
A season of loving and good cheer.
A change of pace from everyday living,
Instead of receiving, a day of giving.
But best of all on Christmas morn,
We celebrate the day Christ was born.



Slate Belt Chamber Of Commerce Thank You For Your Support

By Laura McClain

BANGOR - The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce would like to take this time to thank you for your support of the Chamber. 2019 was a good year for the Chamber. Looking back, the success of the Business Workshops, Scholarship Golf Tournament and Awards Banquet are just a few reminder of what an organization can do to promote the community and at the same time, provide a good time for everyone.

The Annual Christmas Party held for the less than fortunate children of the Slate Belt is another wonderful event sponsored by the SBCC. The Santa's Elves committee do a fine job all year long, but it could not have been done without the donations of the area businesses and

their support.

As we enter into 2020, we are looking forward to the many opportunities that are available to businesses in the Slate Belt area. The Chamber is planning many opportunities to support the community, you also have the chance to meet your fellow business associates and share in the wealth of information that only an organization such as our Chamber can provide.

If you are interested in joining our family by joining the SBCC, simply login to www.slatebeltchamber.org,

click Members, then Members Enrollment or call the office at 610-588-1000 for more information. We welcome Slate Belt Businesses as well as our surrounding community businesses who may want to be a part of a smaller chamber and more active with small business as well as large ones.



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Third Row: Lindsay Hoffer, Johnny Rocco, Andrea Morokutti, Callista Tsihlis

Not Pictured: Joshua Raub

32nd annual Northampton County Chorus

By Mary Lou Cole

EASTON - Seventeen Bangor Area High School students will join approximately 200 vocalists in the 32nd annual Northampton County Chorus on January 12 at Liberty High School at 2 pm.

Selected Bangor High School students are Lillian Batha, Stephen Blicharz, Brooke Reister, Hannah Confalone, Lindsay Hoffer, Logan Holva, William Smith, Shannon Louszko, Joshua Martinez, Alarik McNay, Andrea Morokutti (accompanist), Joshua Raub, Johnny Rocco, Jhonny Rojas, Elizabeth Rutt, Kelsey Sonntag and Callista Tsihlis.

Schools participating are Bangor, Easton, Freedom, Liberty, Moravian Academy, Nazareth, Northampton, Pen Argyl, Saucon Valley and Wilson.

PUC Says Shopping for Energy Suppliers Can Help Cut Costs

By Michael Ortoski

HARRISBURG - The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) is alerting consumers about the potential for large winter energy cost increases for electric customers who do not shop for competitive electric suppliers.

To avoid the possibility of "sticker shock" from high bills during the coming cold months, the PUC reminds consumers that the start of winter is an important time to compare prices for electric generation and evaluate competitive supplier options.

A half dozen of the state's major electric distribution companies increased their "price to compare" (PTC) as of Dec. 1 (Penelec, Penn Power, Met-Ed, Citizens Electric, West Penn Power and PPL). Four others (UGI, Duquesne Light, PECO and Wellsboro Electric) reduced their PTC. For specific rates of increase or decrease, click here.

In most areas of Pennsylvania, consumers can choose who supplies their electricity, based on price or other factors, such as renewable energy. To learn more about how to shop for your energy supplier, or to make a change, visit www.PAPowerSwitch.com.



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