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In the Guide to Luzerne County you'll find information about state officials, activities, historical attractions, community events and so much more.

See below for our index and don't forget to check out our community photos section in the back of the book!



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Tom grew up in a small south central Pennsylvania town in York County and still lives in the house he was brought home to from the hospital.

Tom left York County to attend college at Dartmouth, but he interrupted his studies to join the Peace Corps and served two years in a small village in India before returning to finish his undergraduate degree. He later earned graduate degrees from the University of London and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

While finishing his PhD, Tom worked as a forklift operator and warehouse worker in the family business, the Wolf Organization, a distributor of lumber and other building products based in York, Pennsylvania. After graduating, his first full-time job was running a Tru-Value hardware store in Manchester, Pennsylvania. He later went on to buy his family business.

Tom's leadership philosophy is an extension of his lifelong investment in community development. In addition to serving on and leading the boards of numerous organizations dedicated to education, health, welfare, economic development, culture, and the arts, Tom has rolled up his sleeves to help build a Little League baseball field in his community, volunteered in soup kitchens, and painted a local school. Tom and Frances, his wife of over 40 years, still live in York County and have two grown daughters, Sarah and Katie.

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Alex Kistanov, 8, of Kingston, Alyssa McClellan, 10, of Edwardsville, Anthony Malcolm, 11, of Wilkes-Barre, and Kayden Blaker, 6, of Kingston, compete against each other in a potato sack race at the NAACP Diversity Picnic at Kirby Park.

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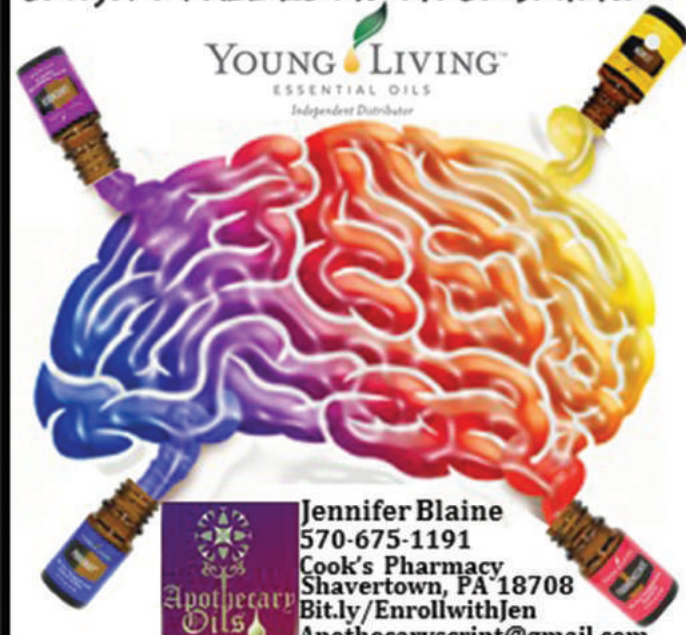
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Second Chance Wildlife Center biologists Shane Kleiner, left, and Angie Colarusso show an opossum during a presentation on Pennsylvania mammals during Wyoming Valley RiverFest.



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Gina Gibbon of Wilkes-Barre takes a photo of soldier re-enactors during 1940's weekend at Eckley Miners' Village.



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Helene Skopek-Krygier, president of Pleasure of Your Company Therapy Dogs, center, helps Laylah McClellan, 4, of Pittston, read a book to 8-year-old Angie, a Shetland Sheep Dog who is part of the therapy program.

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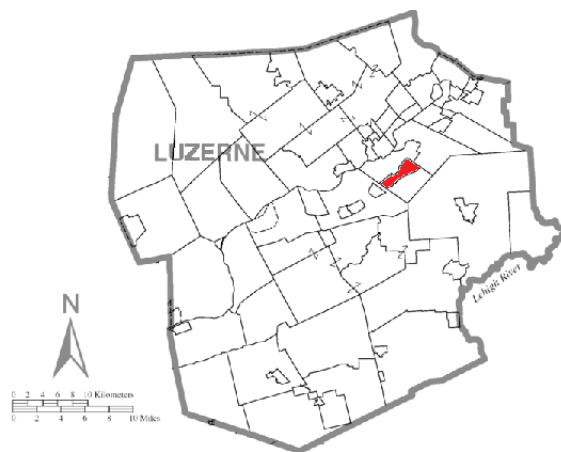
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Luzerne County, formerly a part of Northumberland, was established by the act of 25th September, 1786, and named in honor of the Chevalier de la Luzerne, the minister of France to the United States. It then included a part of Bradford, and the whole of Susquehanna and Wyoming counties. Its present area is 1,427 square miles. The population, by estimate, in 1790 was 4,904; in 1800, 12,839; in 1810, still including part of Bradford and all of Susquehanna, 18,109; in 1820, without those counties, 20,027; in 1830, 27,379; in 1840, including Wyoming, 44,006; exhibiting, in the last ten years, an astonishing increase, ascribable, doubtless, to the opening of the coal mines.

The county is very mountainous; but notwithstanding its broken surface, it boasts many beautiful and fertile valleys, and great mineral wealth. The mountain-chains range from southwest to northeast. The main chain of the Allegheny, here broken into high knobs, irregular spurs, and broad table-lands, crosses the northwestern part of the county, passing the Susquehanna about the mouth of Tunckhannock cr. Across the centre of the co. runs the Shawnee and Lackawannock range; and parallel with it, and about six miles distant, is the chain of the Wyoming and Moosic mountains. Between these four mountains, which form but two ranges, lies the long, narrow valley of Wyoming, famous in story and song, and not less noted in modern days for its agricultural and mineral wealth. The Nescopeck mountain, a sharp, well-defined range, and Bucks mountain, cross the southern part of the county.

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Wyoming Monument

This monument was built in 1843 in memory of those who fought and died in the Battle of Wyoming in 1778.

Wyoming Ave.,
Wyoming, PA 18644

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The Susquehanna River, entering at the N. W. angle of Wyoming co., pursues a S. E. course directly across the great mountain-ranges until it has broken through the Shawnee mountain, at the mouth of the Lackawannock cr. Here, as if beguiled by the beauty of this lovely region, it ceases for a time its struggle with the mountain-barriers, suddenly changes its course, and meanders with a gentle current for 18 miles through the broad meadows of the Wyoming valley. It then breaks through the Wyoming Mountain, and flows away with a similar gentle current through Columbia co. The other principal streams are the sources of the Lehigh, on the S. E. boundary; Tunkhannock cr., Falls cr., Lackawannock cr., Wapwallopen cr., Nescopeck cr., tributaries on the east side of the Susquehanna; and, on the west side, Huntingdon, Green, Shickshinny, Harvey's, Toby's, and Bowman's creeks, and several smaller streams.

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Harvey's lake, at the base of the Allegheny Mountain, 10 miles N. W. of Wilkesbarre, is a beautiful sheet of water, surrounded with romantic scenery, and stored with excellent fish. Chapman's, Upper and Lower Crystal lakes are smaller sheets of water in the N. E. corner of the co. There are some splendid waterfalls in the county, though in late years they have lost much of their picturesque beauty by being directed to the ordinary but useful duty of turning mills. The most conspicuous are Buttermilk falls, on Falls cr., at its mouth; Solomon's, near Wilkesbarre; Falling Spring, above Pittston; and Wapwallopen falls. The principal anthracite coal formation of Luzerne county lies in a long narrow trough, between four and five miles wide, extending from Carbondale on the N. E., to Knob mountain, near Beech Grove, on the S. W., some twenty miles below Wilkesbarre, underlying the Wyoming and Lackawanna valleys. The length of the basin is about 50 miles. The southwestern end of the basin is ascertained, by the recent investigations of the state geologists, to be exceedingly contorted and disturbed by subterranean forces.

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A part of the middle anthracite coal field extends over into the southern border of Luzerne from Northampton county.

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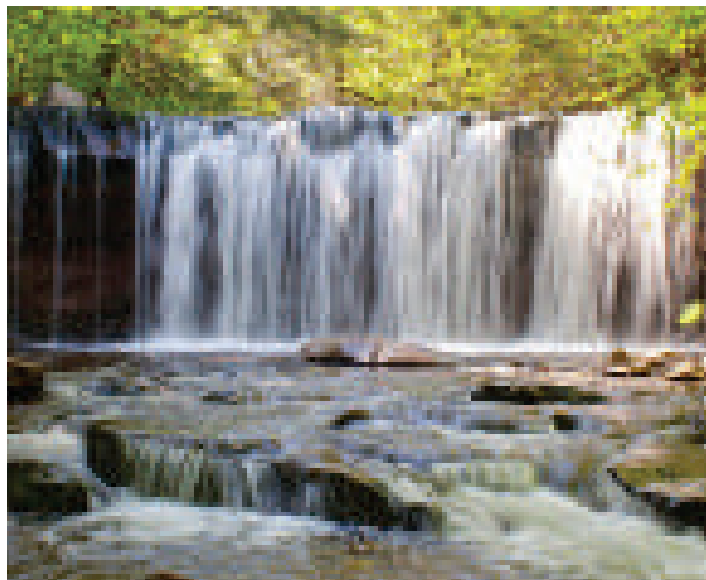
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DJ Lisa Provau, Mr. NEPA Pridefest 2017, plays another record at the Wilkes-Barre Pride Picnic at Kirby Park

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Paul Shaver, West Pittston, was the first place overall winner Sunday morning at Kirby Park in the Rainbow Alliance 5K race

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Ted Mike of Shavertown rows his boat back to shore at Frances Slocum State Park after a morning fishing.

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London Moore 9 smiles as she pulls in a brown trout with the watchful eye of her father Kevin Moore at the annual Kids Fishing Day at Francis Slocum State Park in Kingston Twp.



Hundreds turn out to Kirby Park to see the annual fireworks display.

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Nathan Malek serves a dish of pierogies at Konefals at the Pierogi festival.

F.M. Kirby Center's 2018-2019 Season!



Foghat and Savoy Brown - September 1, 7:30pm
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 An Evening with Pete Rose Live - September 15, 7:30pm
 Devon Allman Project with Special Guest Duane Betts - September 28, 8:00pm
 Danny Gokey - September 29, 7:00pm
 Eddie Izzard - October 2, 7:30pm
 We The People - October 4, 10:00am
 Dwight Yoakam - October 5, 8:00pm
 The McCartney Years - October 6, 8:00pm
 Mary Shelley's Frankenstein - October 11, 7:00pm
 Catapult - October 12, 7:00pm
 Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons - October 14, 7:00pm
 Rock of Ages - October 16 & 17, 7:30pm
 The Improvised Shakespeare Company - Oct. 19, 7:30pm
 Jay Leno - October 25, 8:00pm
 Mystery Science Theater 3000 - October 27, 5:00pm
 Wanda Sykes - November 1, 7:00pm
 Stayin' Alive: One Night of the Bee Gees - Nov. 2, 7:30pm
 Joe Nardone Pres. Chubby Checker & The Platters - November 3, 7:00pm
 Something Rotten! - November 4, 7:00pm
 Tommy James & The Shondells - November 10, 8:00pm
 Jo Koy - November 11, 6:00pm
 Todd Snider - November 16, 8:00pm
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 The Fast Lane: A Tribute to the Eagles - Nov. 17, 8:00pm
 Ray LaMontagne - November 18, 7:30pm
 Kansas - November 23, 7:30pm
 A Charlie Brown Christmas - November 28, 6:30pm
 Charlotte's Web - November 29, 10:00am
 Johnny Rivers - December 2, 7:30pm
 Ghost - December 5, 8:00pm
 Femmes of Rock - December 12, 7:30pm
 Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker - Dec. 14, 7pm
 A Magical Cirque Christmas - December 20, 7:30pm
 Freedom Train - January 28, 10:00am
 Joe Bonamassa - March 11, 8:00pm
 Laura Ingalls Wilder - March 12, 10:00am
 Rogers + Hammerstein's Cinderella - March 13 & 14, 7:30pm
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 The Wizard of Oz (1939, PG) – November 30
 It's a Wonderful Life (1946, PG) – December 21

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The Insult (2017, R) – August 29
 The China Hustle (2017, R) – September 5
 The Square (2017, R) – September 12
 In the Fade (2017, R) – September 19
 BPM (Beats Per Minute) (2017, PG-13) – September 26
 The Miseducation of Cameron Post [2018, NR] – October 3
 Joan Jett: Bad Reputation [2018, R] – October 10
 Sorry to Bother You [2018, R] – October 24

Splatterday III film Festival – Saturday, October 20:

Disney's Zombies (2018, TV-G) – 5:00pm
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Natalia Ramirez, 12, of Wilkes-Barre, looks at her wolf painting at the 'Time to Shine' Kids Art Show at 5-7-9 Tattooing Co. in Wilkes-Barre



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Amiyah Curry, 6, of Hazleton, laughs at 'Tun-Tun the Clown' while he makes balloons for the children during the Latin Festival at Hazle Township Community Park

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"Mr. Matt" Howton, right, of the Wyoming Valley Motorcycle Club, gives last minute instructions to nearly 100 bikers riding in the 5th Annual Jen's Hope Memorial Ride & Block Party held at Cooper's Banquet Facility in Pittston.



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Bob Hughes of Scranton looks in the hood of a 1955 Chevy Bel Air during a plane ride and car show held at the Forty Fort Airport.

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GAR cheerleader Skylynn Gonzalez, 16 paints a cat face on Brianna Velez, 6 of Wilkes-Barre during the National Night Out at Public Square in Wilkes-Barre.



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