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The 2024 Chamber Annual Dinner – 140 Years of Dedication, Now be a Part of Our Celebration

For 140 years, the Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce has been more than an institution; it's become a cornerstone of our community. From our inception on March 24, 1884 as the Board of Trade, to today's dynamic Chamber of Commerce team and Board of community leaders and Directors, we've consistently championed progress, collaboration, and growth.

The Chamber's legacy is one of innovation. We've embraced change, adapted to evolving landscapes, and empowered local businesses to

thrive. Whether it was advocating for new infrastructure after Flood Agnes in 1972, supporting emerging industries, fostering entrepreneurship through the SPARK Program, or developing solutions for sustainable workforce development for our future leaders, the Chamber has always been at the forefront of progress.

As we celebrate our 140th anniversary this year at our Annual Dinner, we honor all of those who have been a part of our journey since our inception in 1884. The thousands of Chamber committee, board, and

team members who have driven our area forward and ensure that we have been, and remain the economic engine of the region by fostering innovation, connecting our resources, and elevating and advocating for our community, we thank you. To our Chamber members and those who support and work alongside us every day to move our mission and the Wyoming Valley forward, we are so grateful and thank each of you for your commitment to our area and its progress.

Congratulations to all of our Annual Dinner honorees for all you

have done and continue to do as champions of Northeastern PA, and for contributing to our economic vitality for our residents and our business community. We are so incredibly honored to celebrate you and we invite our entire community to join us as we all work together to elevate our Valley for the next 140 years and beyond.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Griffin-Boylan
President & CEO

About the Chamber Annual Dinner:

The Annual Dinner is the Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber's largest event of the year, featuring highlights of what's new at the Chamber and in our area, providing outstanding networking and marketing opportunities, and serving as an occasion for the Chamber to recognize the amazing businesses and individuals that strive every day to move our region forward and create impactful change. This year, the event will also feature a celebration of the organization's 140th anniversary, and recognize some historic highlights. The Annual Dinner will celebrate businesses, community organizations, and outstanding individuals in the Greater Wyoming Valley.

In the next few pages, you will get to read the acceptance comments from each of the Annual Dinner award recipients, and learn a little more about the community organizations that are celebrating historic anniversaries this year!

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AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED:

Tracey Selingo ATHENA® Leadership Award	Tony Brooks Lifetime Achievement Award	Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald, LLP Legacy Business of the Year Award
Dress for Success Luzerne County Charitable Organization of the Year Award	The Wright Centers for Community Health & Graduate Medical Education Diversity Champion Business of the Year Award	Center City Print Emerging Business of the Year Award
King's College & Tobyhanna Army Depot Healthy Workplace of the Year Awards	Abide Coffeehouse, Lewith & Freeman, Real Estate, Inc. & Keystone Mission Regional Collaboration and Progress Awards	Building Blocks Learning Center / South Main Street, Clubhouse315 & Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Cancer Center at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center Pride of Place Awards

5:30 PM
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We will also celebrate organizations that are
recognizing a historic anniversary this year
with a special community recognition, including:

- First Keystone Community Bank, celebrating 160 years
- Greater Wyoming Valley Area YMCA, celebrating 160 years
- Misericordia University, celebrating 100 years
- Wyoming Valley Children's Association, celebrating 100 years
- Scranton Area Community Foundation, celebrating 70 years
- Grasshopper Lawns, celebrating 60 years
- Luzerne County Head Start, celebrating 60 years
- Cocchia Ford, celebrating 40 years
- Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame, celebrating 40 years
- Earth Conservancy, celebrating 30 years
- Metz Culinary Management and Environmental Services, celebrating 30 years
- Mohegan Arena at Casey Plaza, celebrating 25 years

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Meet Our 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient: Tony Brooks

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Anthony T.P. “Tony” Brooks has been a leader in historic preservation and the promotion of local history for the past 20 years.

As executive director of the Wilkes-Barré Preservation Society, he led the effort to save and restore the 1793 Zebulon Butler House, the oldest house in Wilkes-Barre. A three-term member of Wilkes-Barre City Council, he introduced an Historic Preservation Ordinance earning unanimous support from his colleagues.

Active in the community, Brooks currently serves as chairman, WVIA’s Community Advisory Board; president, University of Pennsylvania NEPA Alumni Club; board member, Luzerne County Convention & Visitor Bureau, Luzerne County Arts & Entertainment Hall of Fame, Wyoming Valley Art League, Hollenback Cemetery Association, Nesbitt Family Charitable

Foundation, Osterhout Free Library, Wyoming Commemorative Association, Anthracite Heritage Foundation, Forty Fort Meeting House Preservation Committee, Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association, Diamond City Partnership, Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre, Family Services Association, and Kirby Health Center. He is past president of the St. David’s Society of Wyoming Valley and former board member of the Luzerne County Historical Society, the Historical Marker Review Committee of the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission, and served our country with the 104th Cavalry, Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

Brooks is a 40 year-plus member of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre where he serves as Verger and is a member of Lodge No. 61, F&AM. He is a recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Medal for Patriotism.

Hear From the Award Recipients: Legacy Business of the Year Award Recipient Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald, LLP & Charitable Organization of the Year Award Recipient Dress for Success Luzerne County

Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald, LLP

“Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald, LLP is honored to be the recipient of this year’s Legacy Business of the Year Award from The Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Since our firm was founded in 1954, we have devoted ourselves to providing quality and caring service to our clients. We have also been committed to giving back to the community that we have served for 70 years. In so doing, we have had the privilege of assisting our clients and community in achieving their goals and overcoming the various hurdles they have encountered. We are hopeful that our dedicated service to our clients and community, together with the incredible accomplishments they have achieved, will be our firm’s legacy.

Thank you to The Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce for this award. We truly appreciate this recognition of our firm’s contributions to our community.” - Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald, LLP



Dress for Success Luzerne County

“Dress for Success Luzerne County was founded in 2010 and is part of a global movement that believes every woman should have the opportunity to realize her full potential and achieve financial independence in a more egalitarian world. We

believe that with the proper education, tools, and support, women have the capacity to lead more balanced, safer, and enriched lives.

We believe that offering a woman access to career advancement, financial education, and a supportive community will enable her to generate sustained improvement in all aspects of her life, regardless of background or current challenges.

Dress for Success Luzerne County thanks the Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce for the honor of being named Charitable Organization of the Year. As we begin our 15th year serving the community we love, we are grateful for the support of our neighbors and friends. The staff, Board of Directors, and I acknowledge the help we have received from our families, and especially our army of volunteers, as we strive to make our home in Northeastern Pennsylvania a better place for everyone.

It is our honor and privilege to continue our work and look forward to serving the women and families of our region.” - Dress For Success Luzerne County



Meet ATHENA® Leadership Award Recipient Tracey Selingo

Tracey Selingo has helped businesses build bridges between the heart of their brand and the soul of their customers for thirty-two years. She worked in New York and Philadelphia at advertising agencies before returning home to Northeastern Pennsylvania to start one of her own. Her devotion to creative, engaging communication has helped many businesses—from high-tech and higher education to aviation, health and beauty, pharmaceutical, financial, legal, and beyond.

Over a decade ago, she also started helping women harness their divinity so that they may discover their power and thrive. She draws on an intuitive perspective to see life from alternate angles that inspire growth, compassion, courage, acceptance, belonging, wholeness, and love.

On January 8, 2021, she founded Fork Over Love, a socially innovative 501(c)(3) that began as an emergency response to the pandemic of Covid-19 to bridge the gap between two groups of people severely affected by the pandemic: small, local restaurants and neighbors in need. Fork Over Love was built from the skills Tracey acquired throughout her professional career.

Today, Fork Over Love envisions a future where communities are holistically nourished from the inside out by investing in culturally diverse, independent restaurants to elevate all struggling to put food on the table with the comfort of nutritious, chef-made meals with absolute dignity and no stigma or shame.

Tracey's life work empowers people, places, and things to come together, embrace change, and live fulfilled. She holds a Master of Arts in Advertising from the SI Newhouse School of Public Communication at Syracuse University and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Scranton. In 2023, she received a Doctor of Humanities, honoris causa – from King's College; she was named a Top 25 Women In Business in The Northeast Business Journal in 2022; Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, PA, Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter in 2021

She is the proud mother of two young men, Jake and Henry, and lives in Shavertown, PA, with her husband, Dave, and their dog, Tuck.

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Hear From the Award Recipients: Emerging Business of the Year Award Recipient Center City Print & Diversity Champion Business of the Year Award Recipient The Wright Centers for Community Health and Graduate Medical Education

Center City Print

“Thank you all for joining us to celebrate another year of our vibrant community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce for organizing this event. It is a true honor for us at Center City Print to receive this award. Thirteen years ago, Alex Molefetas and Kurt Effertz began this journey with just a worn-out printer and a shared vision to serve our community. Their leadership, along with the contributions of Dave Graff, Ray Parricelli and our dedicated office leads and production staff, has been invaluable in delivering excellence every day.

At Center City Print, we prioritize community over mere business metrics, often making decisions that favor our clients even at a cost to ourselves. Creating a positive experience is what truly matters to us, and we are grateful to each of you here tonight—your support has made this achievement possible. Together, we look forward to continuing our work with this fantastic chamber and serving our wonderful community for years to come. Thank you!” - Center City Print

The Wright Centers for Community Health and Graduate Medical Education

“At The Wright Centers for Community Health and Graduate Medical Education, we are deeply honored and grateful to be recognized by the Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce as the 2024 Diversity Champion Business of the Year. As a Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike and a national leader in community-based graduate medical education, we hold ourselves accountable to model the values of diversity, inclusion, and equity in every interaction with our patients, learners, employees, and community members. Our mission — to improve the health and welfare of our communities through inclusive and responsive health services and the sustainable renewal of an inspired, competent workforce that is privileged to serve — motivates and guides everything we do.

This honorable and most welcomed recognition acknowledges our commitment to nurturing an environment where everyone, regardless of insurance status, ZIP code, ability to pay, race, ethnicity, gender identity, or sexual orientation, has access to responsive and inclusive whole-person primary health services and feels valued and respected. By embracing diversity and creating a truly inclusive atmosphere, we are committed to



tackling health disparities, expanding equitable access to care, equipping our interprofessional workforce to excel, and empowering our patients to take charge of their health and well-being. As we continue this important, mission-driven journey, we remain steadfast in our advocacy and actions to ensure that everyone is welcome and no one feels marginalized, overlooked, and underserved.” - Dr. Linda Thomas-Hemak, President and CEO, The Wright Centers for Community Health and Graduate Medical Education

Hear From the Award Recipients: Pride of Place Award Recipients Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Cancer Center at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Building Blocks Learning Center South Main Street Facility, and Clubhouse315

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Pride of Place Award Recipients

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Frank and Dorothea Henry Cancer Center at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center

“The Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Cancer Center expansion was designed so patients never have to leave the area for exceptional care. Building on the vision the Henry family and their partners on the Geisinger board set out with

more than 30 years ago, the project doubled our capacity for infusion services, bringing us to 51 bays for chemotherapy and intravenous treatment. It added an 18-bed inpatient unit for treatment of complex cancer diagnoses, and it provided patient and employee-focused amenities like our healthy Goodness Bar and the Hydra Health gift shop, a boutique designed to support the care journey of cancer patients and provide them with specialty

products tailored toward their needs in treatment and recovery. The facility and its capabilities offer our care teams an environment commensurate with the compassionate, high-quality care they deliver every day in the advanced cancer programs we’ve developed over the last three decades.

Together with our design and build partners, FCA and Alvin H. Butz, we succeeded in creating

a cancer center interior, hospital façade and new main lobby that usher Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center into the modern age of healthcare architecture while paying tribute to the scenic natural features of our home region. The facility features sweeping views of the valley, our campus' beautiful, wooded 200-acre tract, and our healing garden, which provides a quiet respite place for our patients, families and staff. The lobby and public spaces were designed to evoke the beautiful landscapes that surround us in Northeastern Pennsylvania. This project was a big step forward in Geisinger Wyoming Valley's growth as a major academic medical center that fosters a welcoming and healing environment." - Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center

Building Blocks Learning Center South Main Street Facility

"Building Blocks Learning Center is honored to be among the recipients for the 2024 Pride of Place Award. Thank you to the Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce for this honor.

It was our vision to create a beautiful, engaging, and joyful center in the heart of downtown Wilkes-Barre that serves the children of our region. We know that our most important learning happens in our earliest years. We also know that

these building-block years are critical to putting children on the path to happy and successful lives. That is why we want to extend our deepest gratitude to the talented and dedicated Building Blocks educators and staff members who make the biggest impact on little lives.

This award is evidence that the impact of Building Blocks goes far beyond the children we teach and the families we serve. We are a neighbor with a vested interest in our community. We are a source of good, an economic driver, and a revitalization partner. We aim to create jobs and increase foot traffic, the kind that can help neighboring businesses grow. It is our goal to help make our community a wonderful place to live, full of the young, vibrant, and curious.

Our newest home in the South Main Street Arts District is a source of pride for our entire organization. Thank you for considering it yours as well." - Building Blocks Learning Center

Clubhouse315

"Thank you, Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, for this esteemed Pride of Place award. I'm honored to be recognized among such distinguished colleagues. I'd like to extend my deepest gratitude to our incredible team, whose tireless efforts have transformed our community's

landscape. Without you, the vision I had for Clubhouse315 would never have been able to come to fruition. Your dedication and passion are the true embodiment of this award.

To my partners and local leaders, your unwavering support has been invaluable. Together, we've created a vibrant space that will foster growth, connection, and pride in our community. I'd like to thank my wife for her constant belief, not only in me, but in the projects I pursue, no matter how difficult they may seem. Her ability to guide my creative energy into a central focus, all while running her own successful business, carrying our soon to be daughter and supporting me, is something I'm forever grateful for. To my friends and family, thank you for being there when I needed you the most. I appreciate you more than you'll ever know.

This award serves as a testament to the power of collaboration and visionary leadership. We're proud to contribute to the Wyoming Valley's revitalization and commit to its continued innovation. Thank you again for this recognition. I'm humbled and inspired to continue enhancing our community's beauty and prosperity for years to come." - Lorenzo Medico, Founder of Clubhouse315

Hear From the Award Recipients: Healthy Workplace Award Recipients Tobyhanna Army Depot and King's College

Tobyhanna Army Depot

"Tobyhanna Army Depot is proud to be honored as one of the Healthy Workplaces of The Year, a testament to Team Tobyhanna's commitment to investing in our people. By promoting the holistic wellbeing of our workforce, we ensure that our team remains mission-ready and fully equipped to support the joint warfighter. This award underscores our dedication to the incredible 3,000 people who are a part of Team Tobyhanna, enabling them to be all they can be while supporting those who keep America safe." -
8 Tobyhanna Army Depot

King's College

"King's College would like to express sincere gratitude and pride in being honored with this Healthy Workplace Award. This recognition is a testament to the unwavering commitment of our institution towards fostering a holistic environment where the wellbeing of our staff and faculty is paramount. From initiatives promoting physical fitness and emotional wellness to support for spiritual growth and solid financial health, our college has prioritized comprehensive care for our community.

This award is not just a validation of our efforts but also a reaffirmation of our collective dedication to creating a workplace that nurtures and supports every individual. We extend heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to making this vision a reality—our Wellness Committee and Office of Human Resources for driving programs; the administration, faculty, staff; and each member of our college community who participates and supports the programming. Together, we will continue to innovate and uphold the standards of a healthy workplace, in an environment where everyone thrives." - King's College

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King's College & Tobyhanna Army Depot

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Meet the Regional Collaboration and Progress Award Recipients

Abide Coffeehouse

“Abide Coffeehouse, located in the heart of the business district in Wilkes-Barre, strives to provide a safe and welcoming environment to all who visit. Our goal is to bring people together from all walks of life to establish relationships and strengthen bonds in order to build upon a growing city. We love to serve the community by offering a place to enjoy refreshment, play games, or take advantage of our other activities such as trivia nights, music nights, paint nights, pop-up shops and so much more. We encourage all to stop by and pay us a visit!

The three owners – Dan, Austin, and Melissa Shission – love serving the community and finding

ways to unite people in a ‘third place.’ A little bit about us:

Dan has a background in accounting, serves as a part-time pastor, and has significant experience in working with the underserved and addicted. You’re most likely to see Dan walking around and talking with a coffee in hand ensuring everyone is feeling cozy and welcome. However, he can also be seen behind the bar serving up the drinks when he’s in barista mode.

Austin has a diverse background with an undergraduate in microbiology, a master’s in business administration, and a master’s in biological sciences. In addition to handling all the administrative duties, social media, and online sales

of the coffeehouse, Austin is self-employed as the owner/operator of E-Commerce Accelerator. He’s also been known to take on a barista shift every now and then.

Melissa’s background is in business and works full-time in the healthcare administrative sector. You’ll never see her behind the bar making drinks, as she prefers to stay behind the scenes making gift baskets, ensuring the fun activities such as games and events are in order, and keeping our event chalkboard up to date.” - Abide Coffeehouse

Lewith & Freeman Real Estate, Inc.

“Thank you for this incredible honor. For over a century, Lewith & Freeman has been deeply

committed to serving and uplifting our region. Our dedication to community and progress is woven into everything we do, from helping families find their dream homes to guiding businesses in their growth. We are proud to have been a part of Northeast Pennsylvania's development for 103 years, and we have seen firsthand the strength, resilience, and vibrant spirit that make this region a wonderful place to live and work.

Our relocation department embodies this commitment to regional collaboration. Every day, they tour newcomers through the beauty and potential of Northeast Pennsylvania, offering not just homes but a true welcome to our communities. They work as ambassadors for our region, proudly showcasing the places and people that make this area unique and helping others see it as we do — a place rich in opportunity, culture, and community connection. Thank you again for recognizing Lewith & Freeman's ongoing commitment to regional progress." - Lewith & Freeman Real Estate, Inc.

Keystone Mission

"Keystone Mission began in 2005 with very humble beginnings, feeding the homeless out of the back of a food truck, and almost 20 years later, we serve both Lackawanna and Luzerne counties in various ways. In Lackawanna County, specifically in Scranton, we operate the first of our locations — the Scranton Innovation Center for Homelessness and Poverty, in addition to our Emergency Code Blue Shelter, during the winter months, from November through March. In Luzerne County-Wilkes-Barre, PA, is our second location — the Male Transformation Center. This is our residential facility that houses men who are battling addiction and homelessness. Just in this past year, we celebrated the opening of our third location — the Wilkes-Barre Innovation Center for Homelessness and Poverty (WBIC), as the first Day Room in Wilkes-Barre's history, in October 2023, and most recently, in June of 2024, our 365-Overnight Shelter, that serves both male and female guests.

We are honored to be a 2024 recipient of the Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce

Regional Collaboration and Progress Award. The population we serve as a human and social services organization is a marginalized group. These guests and residents have experienced homelessness for a length of time due to their unique and various circumstances — broken relationships, substance use, mental health disorders, and alcohol dependence, just to name a few. We are given the opportunity, through grace and love, to make a difference in someone else's life through a myriad of services. With each community partnership, we are giving each man and woman a chance to take hold of their life again and dream and hope that their lives can be better. As we approach our 20th year anniversary in February 2025, we vow to continue serving the communities as we fulfill our mission, to bring help and hope to the homeless, hungry, and hurting people in Northeast PA. We thank the Chamber for this recognition, and also congratulate the other award recipients. Let us continue to work with and support each other, because, as a TEAM — Together Everyone Achieves More." - Keystone Mission

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Meet the Community Organizations Being Honored for Historic Anniversaries This Year and Learn About Their Missions and Services!

First Keystone Community Bank, celebrating 160 years

First Keystone Community Bank opened its doors as First National Bank of Berwick in 1864 in its first home in a small brick building on East Front Street. FKCB has seen many changes over the past 160 years, from drive-up windows and ATMs to the most recent advances in digital banking. While there have been many advancements since 1864, one thing remains constant—the dedication and service to the local people and businesses in the communities.

Greater Wyoming Valley Area YMCA, celebrating 160 years

The YMCA is a cause-driven organization that is for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. For 160 years, the YMCA has had a mission to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all. The Y's impact is felt when an individual makes a healthy choice, when a mentor inspires a child, and when a community comes together for the common good.

Misericordia University, celebrating 100 years

Misericordia University is a highly personal community of 2,200 students in Northeastern Pennsylvania. As a private Catholic institution founded by the Sisters of Mercy, Misericordia emphasizes collaborative and hands-on learning and co-curricular activities by engaged faculty and staff. The university challenges students to excel academically, professionally, and socially.

Wyoming Valley Children's Association, celebrating 100 years

Wyoming Valley Children's Association provides the highest quality early childhood education to ensure the greatest developmental potential of ALL children in partnership with families, including therapeutic and support services as needed. This year, WVCA is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding. A century of service, 100 years of dedication to the Greater Wyoming Valley community serving more than 6,000 children and their families who needed them the most. Throughout the last century, WVCA has grown,

changed, and evolved. Today, WVCA is committed to helping ALL children succeed... no matter their diagnosis, no matter their economic background, no matter their circumstances.

Scranton Area Community Foundation, celebrating 70 years

Scranton Area Community Foundation was established as a community trust in 1954 by the Scranton Family, whose initial \$1 million gift was the seed which has grown into a permanent vehicle for donors to accomplish their philanthropic goals while helping to support positive change in our community. Today, the Scranton Area Community Foundation holds and manages a variety of funds from individuals, organizations, and corporations that respond to community needs and opportunities with grants in such diverse fields as health, education, arts, environment, human services, and civic affairs.

Grasshopper Lawns, celebrating 60 years

For 60 years, our team at Grasshopper Lawns has been creating healthy, beautiful lawns for Pennsylvania residents. Their comprehensive services cover fertilization, weed control, aeration, seeding, and more. As a local company, their lawn care services in Scranton and the surrounding area put their customers' unique needs at the forefront.

Luzerne County Head Start, celebrating 60 years

Luzerne County Head Start, Inc. is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for low-income children and families in Luzerne and Wyoming Counties. Their knowledgeable and caring staff accomplish their mission by providing early care and education for pregnant women and children from birth to five years old, emphasizing healthy outcomes and school readiness, promoting family self-sufficiency, and partnering with individuals, school districts, and our community.

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Coccia Ford, celebrating 40 years

Coccia Ford is a franchised Ford and Lincoln dealership offering new and pre-owned vehicle sales, service, and accessories and collision repair services throughout Northeastern PA. Coccia Ford is a 20+ time Ford Motor Company President's Award winning dealer for outstanding sales and customer service. Coccia is NEPA's only locally owned and operated Ford dealer and is currently the largest Lincoln dealer in the state of PA.

Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame, celebrating 40 years

The Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame endeavors to perpetuate the memory of local athletes, who have brought lasting fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their athletic achievements and community involvement. Eligible for such distinction are those individuals who have brought similar recognition to the state through their contributions to sports

through general managerial, promotional, and other influential capacities.

Earth Conservancy, celebrating 30 years

Founded in 1992, Earth Conservancy (EC) seeks to address the impacts of past anthracite coal mining in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Their work centers on the former holdings of the Blue Coal Corporation, which total nearly 16,500 acres. All of EC's projects trace back to their overarching plan, one that seeks a more livable community now, and clears the way for positive, progressive change for future generations.

Metz Culinary Management and Environmental Services, celebrating 30 years

Metz Culinary Management and Environmental Services provides comprehensive dining and environmental/facilities services management to various industries, including higher education, K12 education, acute and non-acute healthcare, business & industry, airports, and entertainment/

lifestyle venues in 20 states up and down the East Coast and west to Illinois. In addition, Metz owns and operates 8 T.G.I. Friday's in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, including Wilkes-Barre and Dickson City, and the Ruth's Chris Steakhouse at Mohegan Pennsylvania. They employ over 8,000 team members company-wide, with nearly 500 in Luzerne County alone.

Mohegan Arena at Casey Plaza, celebrating 25 years

The arena opened on November 13, 1999 when the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins of the American Hockey League made their debut. The arena's primary tenants are the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins of the American Hockey League, affiliated with the National Hockey League's Pittsburgh Penguins. With over 8,000 permanent seats and a capacity of nearly 10,000 for concerts, the arena has played host to some of the biggest names in entertainment, including Elton John, Cher, Neil Diamond, Janet Jackson, The Eagles, AC/DC and Simon & Garfunkel.

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