VOTE

GENERAL ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 7, 2017

A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE TIMES LEADER NOVEMBER 4, 2017
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Luzerne County Contested Races

**Luzerne County**

County Council - four-year term, vote for five: Sheila Saidman, Democrat; Linda McClosky Houck, Democrat; Wendy Cominsky, Democrat; Matthew Vough, Democrat; John Gadomski, Democrat; Harry Haas, Republican; Chris R. Perry, Republican; Marx Dixon, Republican; Stephen J. Urban, Republican; Gregory S. Wolovich Jr., Republican.

County Controller - four-year term, vote for one: Michelle Bednar, Democrat; Walter Griffith Jr., Republican.

**Berwick School District**

School Director - four-year term, vote for four: Christy Monico, Democrat/Republican; Maryann M. Kovalewski, Democrat/Republican; Keith D. Hess, Democrat/Republican; Sandra B. Slavick, Democrat; Jon A. Morell, Republican.

**Crestwood School District**

School Director - two-year term, vote for one: Amanda D. Modrovsky, Democrat; Anna Hollock Bibla, Republican.

**Dallas School District**

School Director - four-year term, vote for five: Sherri L. Newell, Democrat/Republican; Maryann M. Kovalewski, Democrat/Republican; Susan K. Allen, Democrat/Republican; Christine J. Swailes, Democrat/Republican; Scott Francis, Democrat; Edward Dudick Jr., Republican.

**Hazleton Area School District**

School Director - four-year term, vote for four: Linda DeCosmo, Democrat/Republican; Ed Shemansky, Democrat/Republican; Robert W. Childs, Democrat; Bob Mehalick, Democrat/Republican; Alexander C. van Hoekelen, Republican.

**Pittston Area School District**

School Director - two-year term, vote for one: Joseph Salvo, Democrat; John Lombardo, Republican.

**Wilkes-Barre Area School District**

School Director - four-year term, vote for four: Joe Caffery, Democrat/Republican; Melissa Etzle Patla, Democrat; Denise T. Thomas, Democrat/Republican; Ned Evans, Democrat/Republican; John Suchoski, Independent; Sam Troy, Independent.

**Ashley**

Mayor, vote for one: Joe Gorham, Democrat; Donald Sipple, Republican

Council, vote for no more than three: Gerald “Gerry” Maldondano, Democrat; Frank Sorokach, Democrat/Republican; Brian J. Casey, Democrat/Republican; Bryan Zagora, Republican.

**Avoca**

Ward 01 council - four-year term, vote for no more than two: Frank M. Marriggi Sr., Democrat; John Vols Jr., Democrat

Ward 02 council - four-year term, vote for no more than two: Stanley Waleski, Democrat/Republican; John D. Boone, Democrat/Republican

**Bear Creek Township**

Township supervisor - six-year term, vote for no more than two: Jodell H. Salata, Democrat; Jason J. Krumsky, Democrat; Jeffrey Popple, Republican.

**Courtdale**

Council - four-year term, vote for no more than four: Jeffrey E. Ford, Democrat; Thomas J. Vest, Republican.

**Conyngham**

Council - four-year term, vote for no more than three: Anita Reber, Democrat/Republican; Ray Schneider, Republican; Tom Fuccile, Republican.

**Dallas**

Council - four-year term, vote for no more than two: Lee W. Eckert Jr., Democrat; Robert J. Edgerton Jr., Republican

**Dallas Township**

Township supervisor - six-year term, vote for one: Elizabeth “Liz” Martin, Democrat; Robert J. Wagner, Republican.

**Dorrance Township**

Tax collector - four-year term, vote for one: Julia Vencak, Democrat; Beverly A. Lukashewski, Republican.

**Dupont**

Council - four-year term, vote for no more than three: Stanley Knick Jr., Democrat; Mark Kowalczyk, Democrat; Joseph X. Karkut, Democrat; Robert “Bob” Price, Republican.

**Duryea**

Council - four-year term, vote for no more than four: Jeffrey “Jef” Bauman, Democrat/Republican; Mike McGlynn, Democrat; James Gromelski, Democrat; Justin Tonte, Democrat/Republican; Ed Ameika, Republican; Audrey Roberts Yager, Republican.

**Edwardsville**

Council - four-year term, vote for no more than three: Gary M. Mack, Democrat; David Stochla, Democrat; Gary Moran, Democrat.

**Exeter**

Mayor - four-year term, vote for one: Herman Castellani, Democrat/Republican; Denise Adams, Independent.

Council - four-year term, vote for no more than three: Joseph Pizano, Democrat/Republican; Richard Murawski, Democrat; David R. Balent, Democrat/Republican; Carmen M. Marranca, Republican.

**Exeter Township**

Township supervisor - six-year term, vote for one: Joseph John Bender Jr., Democrat; Benjamin Gadomski, Democrat; Stephen M. Sperlazzo, Republican; Daniel Fetch Jr., Republican.
IT’S TIME FOR A CHANGE IN WYOMING

Please Vote Joseph Dominick for Mayor

JOE IS COMMITTED TO THE REVITALIZATION OF WYOMING STARTING WITH:

• Reducing the annual Sewer Maintenance Fee to the citizens of Wyoming
• Perform annual paving projects for Wyoming streets utilizing the Penn Dot Liquid Fuels Grant Program
• Reduce excessive driver speeding throughout Wyoming with continuous Police presence on all borough streets
• Applying for streetscape and park renovation grants to revitalize our business districts and improve the community parks for our children
•Expose any corruption or unethical behavior going on in Wyoming from the past and in the present

Action Starts Now!

Thank You for Your Support • Paid for by Dominick For Mayor Committee
Vote

Robert “Bob” (Tinker) Wagner

DALLAS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

Life-long resident of Dallas Township, Bob lives with his wife Linda, son Robert and their dog Lacey. He is a ten-year employee of the township road department after working twenty-one years at Techneglas.

- Member and Trustee of Shavertown United Methodist Church
- Twice Past Master of George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531 F&AM
- Member Caldwell Consistory
- Member IREM Temple
- Member Dallas American Legion Post 672
- Supports Shriners’ Children’s Hospitals and other local institutions such as “Valley With a Heart,” Boy Scouts, Back Mountain Library, Back Mountain Food Pantry and Blue Chip Farm Animal Refuge
- Hardworking, honest, loyal and committed
- Opposed to spending $1.5 - $2 million for new municipal building

Paid for by the Candidate
My name is David Balent, a lifelong resident of Exeter. My wife, Jane, and I are the parents of four children. I am the owner of David R. Balent Construction Co., a local business I’ve started and have owned for 40 years.

I am a candidate for Exeter Borough Council.

I believe in community service and hold this value close to my heart. I personally donated energy, effort, labor and equipment to many projects over the years, including the construction of temporary levees to prevent flooding, construction and maintenance of the Veterans Memorial, assistance in forming the Exeter Historical Society, maintenance of the Exeter Lions Club Park and gazebo, and construction of McKenna’s Park Playground.

For many years I’ve used my background, experience and expertise in building construction, community development, and community planning to serve as a member of the Exeter Borough Planning Commission.

I’ve also volunteered my talents, time and service to facilitate and promote many good will and community enhancement and improvement projects, including the renovations of a home for a paraplegic who was taken advantage of by another not so reputable contractor, and assisting another family of whom the parent was battling dementia and was deceived. Through my business, I have donated and contributed equipment, labor and materials for the construction of an animal rest area pavilion at a local Rails to Trails site, the restoration of the Joe Palooka Monument in Ashley, annual maintenance of the Veterans Memorial in Exeter, and construction of a new home for a wounded local veteran.

Many of these community contributions were made in conjunction with the former Building Industry Association of NEPA, now the Home Builders Association of NEPA, and the Pennsylvania Builders Association. These two professional building organizations which I belong to and have held elected office, including most recently, Past President of the Building Industry Association, and continue to serve on the board of directors.

I am not a politician nor do I aspire to be one. I am a resident, property owner, taxpayer and business owner. I believe in a good, accountable, effective, efficient and transparent government. I want to represent you and do what I can to make our community strong again and progressive. I support and will advocate for street improvements, enhanced infrastructure, Main Street improvements, and a commitment to improve public safety and security.

I respectfully seek your support and vote on November 7.

Thank you,

David R. Balent
Luzerne County Contested Races

Fairview Township
Township supervisor - six-year term, vote for one: Frederick N. Rose, Democrat; Russ Marhold, Republican.
Tax collector - four-year term, vote for one: Karen McGinnis, Democrat; Patricia A. Iorio, Republican.

Forty Fort
Council - four-year term, vote for no more than three: Debbie Troy, Democrat; Amy Craig, Democrat/Republican; Rob Swaback, Democrat/Republican; Jeff McLaughlin, Republican.
Council - two-year term, vote for no more than two: David Sieminski, Democrat; Theodore J. Ritsick, Democrat/Republican; Rob Swaback, Republican.

Foster Township
Tax collector - four-year term, vote for one: Lee Ann Gera, Democrat; Cody Sarosky, Republican.

Franklin Township
Township supervisor- six-year term, vote for one: John Hilstolsky, Democrat; Fred W. Dymond III, Republican.

Freeland
Mayor - four-year term, vote for one: Shane Balliet, Democrat; John W. Budda, Republican; Michael Malloy, Independent.
Council - four-year term, vote for no more than four: Kristen Myers, Democrat; Liza M. Robles, Democrat; Joseph Murmello, Democrat/Republican; Ed Appleman, Democrat/Republican; Daniel P. Bobby, Republican; William DeFrancesco Jr., Republican.

Hanover Township
Township commissioner - four-year term, vote for no more than three: Jeff Lewis, Democrat/Republican; George Bowers, Democrat/Republican; Russ Davis, Democrat/Republican.

Harveys Lake
Mayor - four-year term, vote for one: JoAnn Jones, Democrat; Carole J. Samson, Republican.
Council - four-year term, vote for no more than three: Judi Spagnuolo, Democrat; Bill Hilburt, Democrat; Jean M. Zaleskas, Democrat; Clarence Hogan, Republican; Charles Chad Flack III, Republican; Daniel F. Blaine, Republican.

Hazleton
Council - four-year term, vote for no more than three: David Sosar, Democrat; Tony Colombo, Democrat; Jack Mundie, Democrat; Allison Barletta, Republican; Jim Perry, Republican; John Keegan, Republican.

Hughestown
Council - four-year term, vote for no more than three: Marie J. Griglock, Democrat; Barbara A. Gatto, Democrat; Robert Gable, Democrat.

Kingston
Council - four-year term, vote for no more than four: Susan McDonald, Democrat; Margaret Neville, Democrat; John Chernesky, Democrat; Robert F. Jacobs Jr., Democrat/Republican; Anthony Dickson, Republican; Robert Thompson Jr., Republican; Sandra Kase, Republican.

Laflin
Council - four-year term, vote for no more than two: Glen Gubitose, Democrat; Frank J. Magdalinski, Democrat; Carl Yastremski, Republican; Paul J. Benderavich, Republican.
Council - two-year term, vote for one: Thomas L. Parry, Democrat; Anthony D’Eliseo, Republican.

Larksville
Mayor - four-year term, vote for one: Joe Zawadski, Democrat/Republican; William Denman, No affiliation.
Council - four-year term, vote for no more than four: Michael Lehman, Democrat/Republican; Tracy Baird, Democrat/Republican; Joseph Romanoskey, Democrat/Republican; John J. Pekarovsky, Democrat/Republican; William Denman, No affiliation.

Laurel Run
Council - four-year term, vote for no more than two: Brian Correll, Democrat; Dennis Hooper, Republican; Cynthia Russo, Republican.

Luzerne
Mayor - four-year term, vote for one: John C. Cordora, Democrat; James Keller, Republican.
Council - four-year term, vote for no more than three: Walter Banicky, Democrat; Jason Tarreto, Democrat; Michael Jancuska, Democrat/Republican; Mary Ellen Schell, Republican.

Nescopek
Council - four-year term, vote for no more than three: Candida Michele Kingston, Democrat; Paul Nye, Democrat; John Franczak, Republican; David Madara, Republican.

Nuangola
Council - four-year term, vote for no more than four: Joseph Tucker, Democrat/Republican; Thomas Williams, Democrat; Regina Plodwick, Democrat/Republican; Mark Gandzyk, Democrat/Republican; Michael J. Johnson, Republican.

Penn Lake Park
Council - four-year term, vote for no more than three: Richard Campbell, Democrat; Jill A. Rosenstock, Democrat/Republican; Paul Rogen, Democrat/Republican; Jasin Marth, Republican; Magrone, Democrat; Malcom S. Plevyak, Republican.
I have had not only the opportunity, but the privilege to be associated with the County Manager, Division Leaders, Department Heads and Elected Officials.

One of the Elected County Officials is our Controller, Michelle Bednar. She is presently completing her first 4 year term and seeking re-election.

Let me emphatically state that since... she assumed the office of County Controller there has been a significant increase in office morale, efficiency and professional integrity.

Michelle Bednar is an unassuming, quiet, competent public servant. She is not egocentric, boastful or media driven. She respects her staff and has total confidence in their abilities.

Consequently, the results of her first term has proven she is a credible, competent, and experienced public official who has saved the taxpayers approximately one quarter million dollars.

I, Eugene Kelleher, believe a vote for Michelle Bednar will sustain the professional integrity and fiscal responsibility she has established during her initial and successful tenure as Luzerne County Controller.
Following the endorsement, Luzerne County Chairman Ron Ferrance voiced his strong support for the endorsed County Council candidates. “Our Committee is proud to endorse this highly qualified slate of County Council candidates,” said Chairman Ferrance. He added, “I am confident they will work to promote policies that embody the principles our Party.”

Speaking on Walter L. Griffith Jr.’s endorsement for County Controller Chairman Ferrance stated, “As our next County Controller, Walter Griffith will work tirelessly to ensure that our county government runs as efficiently as possible. Sadly, for far too long Luzerne County has been stagnant when it comes to innovation and accountability in the Controller’s office -- this will immediately change under Walter Griffith’s leadership.”

On November 7th vote for Walter L. Griffith Jr. as your County Controller and get a “BULLDOG” not a “LAP DOG” that will fight for YOU and only YOU every day.
VOTE
BRIAN TUPPER
Back Mountain Magisterial District Judge
ON NOVEMBER 7TH

Paid for by Friends of Brian Tupper.
On November 7th Vote

Sheila Saidman
for Luzerne County Council

My Pledge to You:

✔ Cooperation

✔ Commitment

✔ Communication

Paid for by the friends of Sheila Saidman
To All Pittston Area Voters:

Tired of all the name-calling and negativity surrounding our School District? So are we. The facts show positive things are happening at Pittston Area:

- Our High School ranked 2nd in all of Luzerne County according to the PA Department of Education’s School Performance Profile (Citizens’ Voice, 10/28/2017).

- Our Middle School ranked 3rd in all of Luzerne County according to the PA Department of Education’s School Performance Profile (Citizens’ Voice, 10/28/2017).

- We worked closely with State Representative Mike Carroll and Yatesville Borough, obtaining grants each of the last three years to pay for upgrades to school district facilities and much needed equipment at no cost to our taxpayers (Times Leader, 07/12/2017).

- At a time when other districts are in turmoil, our board reached a fair agreement with our teachers keeping our children in school, and continuing 21 years of labor peace (Citizens’ Voice Editorial Board 10/29/2017).

We believe that a positive approach and teamwork will lead to increased success in our district. Our team will work together to ensure that constructive improvements continue in our schools.

We respectfully ask for your vote on November 7.

2-year term
Joseph Salvo

4-year term
John Adonizio
Bruce Knick
Marty Quinn

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**Pittston**
Mayor - four-year term, vote for one: Mike Lombardo, Democrat; Charles Bufalino, Independent.
Council - four-year term, vote for no more than two: Michael A. Lombardo, Democrat; Ken Bangs, Democrat; Patrick S. Toole, Independent.

**Plains Township**
Township Commissioner - four-year term, vote for no more than two: Robert Sax, Democrat; Jerry Yozwiak, Democrat; Barry Kresge Jr., Republican; Mike “Mikie” Timek, Republican.
Township Commissioner - two-year term, vote for one: Peter J. Bisconti, Democrat; Ronald Filippini, Republican.
Tax Collector - four-year term, vote for one: Gloria Chiucchi, Democrat; Lynn Evans, Republican.

**Plymouth**
Borough Council - four-term, vote for four: Frank Coughlin, Democrat/Republican; Gary Kochinski, Democrat; Clyde Peters, Democrat/Republican; Earl J. Cunningham, Democrat; Mary Elizabeth Jarrett, Democrat; Matthew Hornick, Republican.

**Pringle**
Borough Council - four-year, vote for four: Rita Thomas, Democrat; Michael Berish, Democrat; Joseph Baran, Democrat; Kimberly Peters Casterlin, Republican.

**Rice Township**
Township Supervisor - six-year term, vote for one: Marcia Thomas, Democrat; Carl Smith, Republican.

**Salem Township**
Township Supervisor - six-year term, vote for one: Anthony N. Magrone, Democrat; Malcom S. Plevyak, Republican.

**Shickshinny Borough**
Borough Council - four-year term, vote for three: James C. Wido, Democrat; Rosalie Whitebread, Democrat/Republican; Candice L. Kruczek, Democrat; Kevin Morris, Republican; Kathy Llewellyn, Republican.

**Union Township**
Township Supervisor - six-year term, vote for one: Jerome Holtzman, Democrat; Christopher K. Stoodley Jr., Republican.

**West Pittston Borough**
Borough Council - four-year term, vote for four: Brad Chikowski, Democrat; Adam L. Ruderman, Democrat; Ellen Quinn, Democrat/Republican; James Butera, Democrat/Republican; Barry Hosier, Republican; William Bohn, Republican.
Borough Council - two-year term, vote for one: Adam L. Ruderman, Democrat; Raymond V. Judge, Republican.

**West Wyoming**
Borough Council - four-year term, vote for three: Danile Grescavage, Democrat; Michael J. Dolan II, Democrat; Maureen A Zaboski, Democrat/Republican; David L. Alberigi Jr., Republican.

**Wright Township**
Township Supervisor - six-year term, vote for two: Matthew Howton, Democrat; Marcia Derwin, Democrat; Candace Candy Smith, Republican; Louis Welebob Jr., Republican.

**Wyoming Borough**
Borough Mayor - four-year term, vote for one: Bob Boyer, Democrat; Joseph John Dominick, Republican.

**Why You Should Vote: It Makes a Difference**

It’s Election Day. Do you know where your vote is? If you’re keeping it in your back pocket, you may be doing yourself and those around you a civic disservice.

The fact is that your vote could make all the difference in not only swaying an election, but in fulfilling your duty as a proud American citizen.

“But, my vote doesn’t count”

We’ve all heard the claim from nonvoters that their one vote simply doesn’t mean much in the grand scheme of things, especially in the presidential election that is determined by the Electoral College.

Not so fast, say politicians and pro-voting organizations.

Here are some important events in U.S. history that were decided by just a few votes, according to the State of Illinois:

- Richard Nixon, not John F. Kennedy, would have become President of the U.S. in 1960 if one person from each voting place had voted differently.
- If just one U.S. Senator had voted differently, U.S. President Andrew Johnson would have been removed from office in 1867.
- Texas might not have become part of the United States in 1845 if one U.S. Senator had voted differently. The vote in the U.S. Senate was 27-25 to invite Texas to become a state. If it had been a tie, Texas would not have been asked to become part of the Union.

“But I don’t know how to vote”

General discomfort can be a major factor in keeping many people away from the voting booth.

If voting intimidates you or you need motivation in keeping it on your schedule, involve a family member or acquaintance in your planning process. Coordinate to meet the morning of the election and head to the polls together.

Voting with a significant other, parent or close friend can help calm any nerves and also help you from backing out. Add in a breakfast, lunch or dinner to make the event a memorable one that you may turn into a regular occurrence.
“Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development are my top priorities.”

Matthew Vough
Luzerne County Council

Paid for by The Friends of Matt Vough.
Q. Why Re-Elect Liz Martin On Nov. 7th?

A. Balance.

Candidate Robert Wagner is the son of current Supervisor Frank Wagner.

As a member of the Township Road Department and union, Robert would not be able to vote on union or Road Department related issues.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Elizabeth Martin

Learn More: Martin4Supervisor.com
After nearly 4 years on the job, without ever hiring outside auditors, I have recovered over a quarter of a million dollars to date.

Examples include:

- Halted some residents improperly receiving multiple homestead tax credits
- Identified and recovered hotel tax underpayments
- Discovered underpaid amounts owed to victims of crimes
- Confirmed that Veterans were receiving appropriate property exemptions

We also created “CESIL” - our hotline for citizens and employees with anonymous tips!

Phone: (570) 830-5154 or Email: CESIL@luzernecounty.org

“The Eyes & Ears for Luzerne County”

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