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Since the IronPigs inception in 2008, they have never finished lower than eighth in Minor League Baseball in total or average attendance and have ranked within the top-5 in both categories 12 out of 15 seasons. They're planning to continue those records for the 2024 season, especially with the completion of their renovations. Major League Baseball required Minor League stadiums to make some significant upgrades and failure to do so could have resulted in non-compliance, potentially ending their affiliation. In fact, it's worth noting that prior to 2021 there were 162 total Minor League Baseball teams. Currently, there are 120 Minor League teams.

The new and renovated training area is called the St. Luke's Sports Training Center. The project renovated existing player clubhouses and the athletic training areas of 16-year-old Coca-Cola Park as well as adding significantly more space to the area. Those improvements, including

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The Network Guy Quiz Challenge

PenTeleData is giving one lucky winner a \$150 Amazon Gift Card. Just visit www.ptd.net/quiz-challenge by **February 29, 2024** to answer the contest question. We will select a winner at random from all correct entries. **Good Luck!**

Click the **Quiz Challenge** link and choose what factor(s) you should consider when choosing a web browser.



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I've seen Google Chrome, Microsoft Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Apple Safari, Opera, and others. How do I choose the best web browser for me?

The Network Guy:

First and foremost, whatever browser you choose should be current. The newest versions are equipped with the latest technology and features to simplify, speed up, and boost your Internet experience. More importantly, anything outdated is a security risk. Here are some factors to consider:

Security - The best browsers protect against pop-ups, viruses, and phishing. They should also allow you to clear personal information, including your search history. Some even offer a "do not track" option for users to block websites from gathering information.

Features - With a goal of faster and easier Internet, browsers offer features like integrated search engines, tabbed browsing and thumbnail previews. Find out which ones have the benefits most useful to you.

Speed - The speed of your computer and Internet connection are the primary factors when it comes to how fast you get information, but your browser also determines how quickly a page will open and whether it will open correctly. Things to compare include startup times and how the browser processes HTML and JavaScript.

Support - Does the browser you choose offer support through email, FAQs, tutorials or phone? Although many browsers are free, it's helpful to have customer support if a problem does arise.

Compatibility - Your browser must work well with your operating system.



Things That Make You Go Hmmm...

Technophobia is the fear of technology, nomophobia is the fear of being without a mobile phone, and cyberphobia is the fear of computers.

The original name of Google was Backrub.

According to Statista.com, the most popular social networks worldwide as of October 2023, ranked by number of monthly active users were Facebook, YouTube, WhatsApp, Instagram, WeChat, TikTok, Facebook Messenger, Telegram, and Snapchat.

As of February 2023, TikTok users in the United States spent 32 percent of the time they dedicated to social media engagement with the popular short-video platform. Meta-owned Facebook and Instagram commanded 20 percent of the online social time of TikTok users in the U.S., respectively. In comparison, the YouTube mobile app kept users engaged for 15 percent of all the time they chose to dedicate to social media.

TikTok creator and comedian Khabane Lame officially surpassed dancer Charli D'Amelio as the most followed content creator on the platform in December 2023. Lame, who is based in Italy, reached 162 million subscribers. Influencer Charlie D'Amelio followed closely in second position with 151.6 million followers and singer Bella Poarch ranked third, with a total of 94 million followers.

As of January 2023, TikTok had over one billion monthly active users, making it one of the most widely used social media platforms worldwide.

Since its launch in 2016, TikTok's audience has increased significantly. As of January 2023, the United States and Indonesia were the countries with the largest TikTok audiences. The United States led with 113 million users, followed by Indonesia with 109 million users.

In September 2022, TikTok had almost 24 million downloads on Google Play Store, making it the most downloaded app for Android users worldwide. It was the second most downloaded app on Apple App Store, with approximately 7.5 million global users downloads in the same month.

"No matter how bad things get, something good is out there, just over the horizon."

– Green Lantern

PenTeleData is Proud to Serve Duncannon, PA

The Duncannon Borough is located in Perry County, Pennsylvania. The small town of about 1,500 people is situated at the confluence of the Susquehanna and Juniata rivers and is known for its views from Hawk Rock as well as the friendliness and hospitality of its residents. Nestled in the Appalachian Mountains, the area is popular for its hiking trails and for watching bird migrations. Though it is a small community, it is full of life and charm. The people in Duncannon are friendly and welcoming. The locals enjoy spending time outdoors taking advantage of the pristine hiking trails and natural beauty of their surroundings. There are also plenty of locally owned restaurants and shops with unique offerings.

Founded in 1792 as Petersburg, the community that later bore the name of Duncannon was incorporated in 1865. Duncannon has a history rich in transportation, with ferries, Conestoga wagons, canals, railroads, and highways all playing important roles in the development of the area. Possibly Duncannon's most significant role was that of a transportation hub and trading crossroads that helped thousands of pioneers and traders move westward into western Pennsylvania and the Ohio River Valley during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Unlike many small towns, the resilient Duncannon is also largely self-reliant when it comes to financing. The borough self-finances most of its own projects, thanks to its ownership of nearly 2,000 acres of a nearby watershed. It timbers small sections of the land every two years and puts the revenue into its timber fund. The fund helps finance municipal projects and equipment, including an electric line truck, a garbage truck and two pickup trucks.

For more information on all that Duncannon has to offer, visit its website: www.duncannonboro.org

The New Training Center at Coca-Cola Park (continued)

clubhouse and training room expansion, female staff locker rooms, improvement of stadium lighting, and the addition of batting/pitching tunnels are complete. PenTeleData is proud to have helped support their efforts. We appreciate both St. Luke's and the Lehigh Valley IronPigs for being tremendous assets to the communities we serve.

The IronPigs plan to kick off the 2024 season on Friday, March 29th, hosting the Worcester WooSox at home.

