

COMMUNITY

Jones says good government is his goal

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Staff Writer

"I'm not interested in good politics but in good government", said Joseph 'Red' Jones, the Republican from Lehman Township who announced his candidacy for Luzerne County Commissioner, Saturday, January 5. "It is my belief that a politician who accepts responsibility for trying to establish a strong cooperative effort between county government, state and federal legislators and local municipal government officials will be a good politician," Jones explained.

Jones, who has been involved in politics since he was 24 years of age when he was elected auditor for Plymouth Township, said he understands the responsibility and the power that goes with the office of county commissioner, so he doesn't take seeking the position lightly.

"I am ready to meet the challenges of the 90's and pray the next commissioner board will prepare the county government for the 21st century. I intend to wage an aggressive, high road, issue-oriented campaign in pursuit of the office

and when elected, I will be committed to serve as a full-time 'hands on' commissioner," he said.

Jones is familiar with the campaign facing him since he ran for the office of county commissioner twice in the past.

In 1975 he ran for commissioner without the benefit of party endorsement. Steve Yanoshak, county controller, was the leading candidate at the time but when the polls closed, Jones was in front by 99 votes. Two days later following an official count, Jones was said to be down by 942 votes.

After checking machines where seals were broken and other incidents, it was announced that Jones lost by a small margin.

In 1979, Jones ran again, this time with Frank Trinisewski, then a registered Republican. Another candidate whose name was Jones also ran in the primary but Trinisewski and 'Red' Jones won. In the general election, however, Trinisewski won a Republican seat as third high man behind Francis Crossin and Brominski, both candidates on the Democrat ticket.

Since 1981, Jones has been a member of the Lake-Lehman School Board, and served as presi-



dent of the board in 1984 and 1985.

If elected as a county commissioner, Jones said he will seek to maximize citizens' input and will

provide opportunities for Luzerne County residents to communicate with government officials on local, state and federal levels.

Jones says he will insist on fiscal prudence and accountability and his goal will be to ensure that all county resources, procedures and programs are utilized to their maximum efficiency. He is also concerned with the possible effects of a national recession on the regional economy. He sees both challenges in helping faltering companies and opportunities in inviting outside firms to the county, for local development efforts.

"I believe that the county commissioners must provide leadership and support in the landfill problems, economic development efforts, housing shortage, law enforcement and drug traffic control and similar issues that will be critical to our county's future," Jones stated.

"Since I have been in politics (and that is 28 years), I have never done nor said anything to embarrass my family and I never intend to, for they are the top priority in my life," said Jones. "Without my wife and four children I would have no need to look to the future."



Harveys Lake Lions induct new member

At a recent dinner meeting of the Harveys Lake Lions Club, held at Faux's Inn, Harveys Lake, Daniel Samson was installed by Past District Governor Lee Watson. From left, PDG Watson, Daniel Samson, William Wilson, sponsor.

Mundy to be guest speaker at Methodist Women's meeting

Phyllis Mundy, State Representative of the 120th Legislative District, will be the featured speaker at a special United Methodist Women's meeting on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Room of the Trucksville United Methodist Church on Church Road in Trucksville.



PHYLLIS MUNDY

Mrs. Mundy, the newly elected Representative from Kingston, is a graduate of Kingston High School and the University of Pittsburgh.

While active in several volunteer organizations, she is best known for her leadership in the League of Women Voters of Wilkes-Barre. Having served for six years on the Board, she became President in 1985 and served two terms. In 1989 she was appointed to the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania.

Following her presentation on February 7, Representative Mundy will address questions and concerns of the audience. All United

Methodist Women's groups in the 120th District and other interested parties are invited to attend.

Nelligan tosses his hat in the ring once again

By RICH JOHNSON
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A well-known Back Mountain political figure has once again thrown his hat into the election ring. James Nelligan, has taken off his jacket and rolled up his sleeves to show that work needs to be done in the Luzerne County Commissioners office.

Nelligan, of Harveys Lake, announced his candidacy last week with current county commissioner Jim Phillips as a running mate.

The two men, both republicans, said they want to see the commissioners office come back to the Republican party and say they will do a lot as commissioners.

Nelligan has accused the current majority commissioners of being part-time commissioners and said that changes must be made in the office.

"Changes must occur to get the politics out of the courthouse," he said. He and Phillips have already announced changes they feel are necessary in the county.

One of the biggest is the abolition of the personal property tax and other factors dealing with budget making decisions.



JAMES NELLIGAN

Nelligan would like to see public disclosure of budget overruns and pre-election budget approval to hold county commissioners accountable for budgets before they face the voters, not after.

"These changes also help to cut costs, expand services and hold the line on taxes," he added.

Nelligan has said that his ex-

perience in federal government will help him with the election and with being a commissioner if he and Phillips win.

"I believe my 35 years of experience qualifies me to meet these challenges," he said.

Nelligan has spent a lot of time in governmental work, including a stint as a U.S. Congressman from 1981 to 1982. Prior to that he served in federal managerial positions with the General Accounting Office, the Government Operations Committee and the Energy and Commerce Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

He has also held positions on the state level where he served as the deputy secretary of revenue and director of the governor's Washington D.C. office during the

Thornburgh administration.

Nelligan, 61, said that he and Phillips are going to have to "...roll up our sleeves and get work" in dealing with the changes in the commissioner's office. Besides riding the courthouse of part-time commissioner's the two also want to stop part-time department heads from being in office.

Other proposed changes include an evaluation system which would require performance evaluations of management personnel and raises to be awarded on merit not politics.

"I have had the honor of serving in the United States Congress and helped tackle monumental problems," he said. "So I can meet the challenges in Luzerne County," Nelligan added.

Jaycees sponsor 'Day of Dynamics'

A "Day of Dynamics," an annual seminar hosted by the Back Mountain Jaycees, will be held on Saturday, February 23, 1991 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus in Lehman. The topics to be discussed are "Financial Planning," "Family Life" and "Personal Wellness."

This annual seminar is a part of the Back Mountain Jaycees commitment to community leadership programs. These programs are designed to serve the individual and the community. To register, call Barbara Jablowski at 825-5842.

Irem Auxiliary to meet Feb. 14

The regular meeting of Irem Women's Auxiliary will be held on Thursday, February 14, at 1:30 p.m. at Irem Temple Mosque. The Executive Board will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Trophy Room with president Mrs. David Watkins presiding.

Mrs. James Henderson, sentinel chairman has appointed Mrs. Caleb Tompkins and Mrs. Earl Rosencrance, as sentinels for the day.

Reception chairman, Mrs. James Melberger appointed Mrs. Leon Emanuel and Mrs. Arthur Thomas as hostesses for the day.

Mrs. Fred Ruger, second vice president will announce final plans for the February card party to be held on February 21, at the mosque at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Gino Marchetti, ways and means chairman is seeking workers for the sale of circus tickets.



MRS. FRED RUGER

Speaker for the day will be illustrious Potentate, Donald B. Anthony.



Meadows donates to Salvation Army

The Resident Council at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, recently made a donation to the Salvation Army in recognition and appreciation of their special holiday visits with residents throughout the year.

Shown are resident council representatives, from left, Madge Hudson and Stella Rifenberg, presenting check to Mrs. Major Mae Beck, Salvation Army.

Teen night scheduled in Dallas February 8

Gifts From Above, Christian Bookstore in Dallas, will sponsor their third teen night event on Friday, Feb. 8, from 7 p.m.-midnight.

The theme for this teen event will center on sports. Activities begin at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room facilities with the film "Coach". Special guests for the evening include Doyle Washington, the 1990 World Natural Bodybuilding Federation winner of the title WNBF Natural Pro Mr. Universe. Washington will be available to sign autographs and will share his story relating to his decision to lead a drug free life in a professional field where drug use for bodybuilding is considered the norm. He will lead a devotional time.

Mike Warner will perform music from his new album release "Take Your Stand". He will also be available to meet with teens and sign autographs.

Timothy Madeira of WRGN will act as DJ for the night's events and will award door prizes.

Snacks will be provided, there is no charge for this event-all teens and church youth group leaders are invited.

For more information interested persons may call the store at 675-0354.

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