

Voters Guide for the Municipal Election of November, 5, 1991

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THE NONPARTISAN LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE WILKES-BARRE AREA

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which they appear on the ballot unless otherwise noted.

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U.S. SENATOR

(Vote for one)

Term-4 years
Salary: \$125,100

Congress, the legislative branch of the federal government, is composed of two houses. The upper house is for the Senate; the lower house is the House of Representatives. A majority vote by both houses is necessary to pass a law.

QUESTION 1. What do you believe the president and Congress need to do to get our fiscal house in order? What spending cuts and tax increases would you support to reduce the national deficit?

QUESTION 2. Do you believe the government should be involved with the individual's right of privacy to make reproductive choices?

DEMOCRATIC

HARRIS WOFFORD

Bryn Mawr
D.O.B.: 4/9/26
Education: BA, Univ. of Chicago, JD, Yale Univ., Howard Univ.
Occupation: United States Senator

Qualifications: I bring to the Senate a lifetime of public service; I have fought for jobs, educational excellence, health care, and voluntary national service. Assistant to President John F. Kennedy; Assoc. Dir., Peace Corps; President of two colleges; author of four books; PA Secretary of Labor and Industry.

Answer to questions:

1. To bring fiscal responsibility to federal spending, I support the Balanced Budget Amendment. We can no longer afford expensive giveaways to foreign countries. Americans still spend \$170 billion annually to subsidize our most prosperous allies' defense. I passed an amendment to the Defense Authorization Bill to help make our allies pay their fair share of the costs. I also proposed cutting wasteful programs from the foreign aid budget—like worldnet, the government's \$22 million television network to foreign countries.

2. I support a woman's option to choose for the first six months subject to reasonable regulations. I support reasonable regulations such as parental notification or consent laws that include reasonable bypass procedures and oppose unreasonable regulations like the Gag Rule. I oppose abortions in the seventh, eighth and ninth month unless a woman's life is at risk or she would suffer major health problems as a result of carrying the pregnancy to term.

REPUBLICAN

RICHARD THORNBURGH

Pittsburgh
D.O.B.: 7/16/32
Education: B. Eng., Yale Univ., 1954; J.D. (high honors), Univ. of Pittsburgh, 1957.

Occupation: Attorney, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart
Qualifications: As U.S. Attorney General from 1988-91, I cracked down on illegal drug cartels, obtained convictions of nearly 600 savings and loan officials, and obtained the first and only conviction against BCCI. As Governor from 1979-87, I cut both individual and business tax rates.

Answer to questions:

1. Failed to reply.
2. Failed to reply.

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

DEMOCRATIC

JOSEPH M. AUGELLO

Pittston
Age: 42

Education: Bachelor of Arts-Univ. of Scranton; Juris Doctor-Temple University Schl. of Law
Occupation: Judge of Court of Common Pleas

Training and Experience: I have served as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas since February 1990. I have been assigned to preside in civil and criminal trials including murder cases. Prior to becoming judge, I had 15 years experience as a district justice and trial attorney in Luzerne County. I believe that I have proven to be a capable, competent and efficient judge, and that I can preside with diligence, dignity and integrity.

ANN H. LOKUTA

Dupont
Age: 37

Education: King's College-Bachelor of Arts, Government and Politics, Maxima Cum Laude; Juris Doctorate, Hofstra Law School, Hofstra University.

Occupation: Attorney
Training and Experience: My previous experience as a Federal law clerk in the United States District Court as well as an Assistant District Attorney in both Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties. The most important assets I bring to this responsibility are the values my parents instilled in me as a youth. Values of honesty, integrity, hard work and compassion. This is my message. It is a message of the people.

HUGH F. MUNDY

Dallas
Age: 51

Education: University of Notre Dame Law Schl. J.D. 1969; King's College, A.B. 1962

Occupation: Judge - Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County
Training and Experience: I am presently sitting as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County having been appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate, and having won both nominations in the May Primary. Prior to that I was a court room lawyer for more than twenty years, initially as a Prosecutor in the D.A.'s office, handling trials involving the entire gamut of criminal conduct. Subsequently, I built a successful law practice based upon my accomplishments as a successful trial attorney. I am a Veteran, having served two tours of duty in Viet Nam.

CORREALE F. STEVENS

Hazleton
Age: 44

Education: Wyoming Seminary, Penn State Univ., Dickinson Schl. of Law

Occupation: Judge of the Court of Common Pleas
Training and Experience: Former District Attorney. Former member of the House of Representatives. Currently presiding over trials and performing other court duties. I appreciate the confidence and support the people of Luzerne County have shown in me and in the belief that I have the necessary background and experience to be

Judge.

REPUBLICAN

Joseph Augello

WILLIAM R. KELLER

Forty Fort
Age: 57

Education: University of Rochester-1956; Dickinson Schl. of Law-1964

Occupation: Senior Trial Attorney in Luzerne County District Attorney's office and general practice of law.

Training and Experience: I have tried well over 100 jury trials in the civil and criminal courts of Luzerne County. During my 13 years as Assistant District Attorney I have tried 6 homicide cases gaining convictions in all, the most recent being a third degree murder conviction of Dr. Glen Wolsieffer in November, 1990.

Hugh Mundy

Correale Stevens

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

TERM: 4 years
Salary: \$64,000

JOB DESCRIPTION: The district attorney signs all bills of indictment and conducts, in court, all criminal prosecutions for the state. He appoints assistants, detectives and clerks to assist in criminal investigation and prosecution of the cases before him.

DEMOCRATIC

PETER PAUL OLSZEWSKI

Wilkes-Barre
Age: 31

Education: Penn State, B.A. in Pre-Law, 1981; Dickinson Schl. of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1984

Occupation: Attorney
Training and Experience: As a former Assistant District Attorney of Luzerne County, I earned a jury trial conviction rate of over ninety (90%) percent, securing convictions in twenty of twenty three criminal cases. I am a Board Certified Criminal Trial Specialist, one of only thirteen in the state of Pennsylvania. I am the first candidate in history to be endorsed for District Attorney by the Pennsylvania State Police FOP at Wyoming, the Pennsylvania State Troopers Association and the Wyoming Valley Fraternal Order of Police.

REPUBLICAN

THOMAS M. MARSILIO

Mountaintop
Age: 43

Education: B.S. U.S. Naval Academy, J.D. Dickinson Law

Occupation: Assistant District Attorney

Training and Experience: Three and one half years as Assistant District Attorney with seven homicide trial convictions, five life sentences, and a 100% conviction rate in murder trials. Endorsed by Attorney General Ernie Preate and District Attorneys Jerry Cohen and Mike Barrass. Twenty-five years of Navy and Marine Corps service. Currently Lt. Col. USMCR. Have convicted murderers, drug dealers, child and elderly abusers, etc. Only candidate to ever win a murder trial or seize a house for illegal drug activity. Experienced and mature.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

TERM: 4 years
SALARY: \$27,000
CHAIRMAN: \$1,000

Three county commissioners (no more than two representing the same party) supervise: voter registration and elections; assessment of personal and real property; administration of human services; veteran affairs; and appointment of county personnel. They adopt county budgets, levy taxes, borrow funds for capital projects and disburse federal and state monies.

DEMOCRATIC

FRANK P. CROSSIN

Kingston
Age: 37

Education: Villanova Univ.-Business Administration

Occupation: County Commissioner & Insurance Broker

Training and Experience: As a Luzerne County Commissioner, I am committed to improving the quality of life for our residents. My voting record on economic, human service, environmental and educational issues confronting our county has been both progressive and positive. There are many complex problems that must be addressed in the upcoming years. During my tenure in office, I have demonstrated that I am not afraid to tackle these challenging issues. Your support will enable me to continue working in the best interest of Luzerne County and its residents.

ROSE S. TUCKER

Nanticoke
Age: 61

Education: Nanticoke High School, 1947; Numerous Credit and Non-Credit Courses LCCC and Wilkes Univ.

Occupation: Director, Public Affairs-Maternal & Family Health Svcs.

Training and Experience: Exec. Dir., Tri County Migrant Program; Exec. Dir. Luzerne/Wyoming Drug and Alcohol Program Exec. Dir., Community Cancer Corp. Dir., Cancer Screening Program, MFHS (15 counties); Owned and operated Travel Agency, Antique Shop and Service Station. Community Svc: Board-PA Cancer Control Board; Chairperson-AIDS Awareness Committee; Board-Wyo. Val. Alcohol and Drug Program; Commission for Women; Member-American Bus. Women's Assoc.; Interfaith Resource Center; League of Women Voters.

REPUBLICAN

JIM PHILLIPS

Forty Fort
Age: 58

Education: B.S. in Commerce & Finance, Wilkes College, 1954

Occupation: Food Broker

Training and Experience: I am currently serving as a county commissioner, having over 7 years experience on the job. My many years of business experience has helped tremendously in carrying out the duties of this office.

JIM NELLIGAN

Harveys Lake
Age: 62

Education: King's College - B.S.

Accounting

Occupation: Retired

Training and Experience: 35 years of federal and state government experience, legislative and executive, as an accountant, auditor, Congressional investigator, manager, Pennsylvania Deputy Secretary of Revenue, Director of the Pennsylvania Governor's Washington, D.C. office, and Member of the U.S. Congress from Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District.

SHERIFF

(Vote for one)

TERM: 4 years

The sheriff, as an officer of the court, serves writs, warrants, summonses, and other judicial documents, impanels jurors, executes sheriff's sales, and carries out orders of the county court.

DEMOCRATIC

FRANK JAGODINSKI

Plains
Age: Not given

Education: Graduate Plains High School; U.S. Marshall's Security Course; various seminars.

Occupation: Sheriff, Luzerne County

Training and Experience: Full-Time sheriff, 19 years; Deputy Sheriff's Education and Training Board; Brought personnel training and departmental equipment up to modern standards; increased courthouse security with a trained staff and specially secured court annex, concern for citizen safety reflected in the creation of a county-wide search and rescue unit. Priorities: Continued Professional Sheriff/Police Relations, Assistance to any agency involved in drug law enforcement, advanced training for deputies, Maintain modern criminal records retrieval system.

REPUBLICAN

ROBERT M. PUCHALSKI

Wilkes-Barre
Age: 31

Education: Highest Grade Level: 3rd yr. college level

Colleges: Luzerne County Community College, King's College, Wilkes College

Occupation: Former Deputy Sheriff - presently, building contractor, developer and consultant.

Training and Experience: Military: U.S. Navy enlisted (highest rank achieved: E-3) Wilkes College U.S. Air Force ROTC (2 yrs.) Private Sector: Management and administration skills in the operation of my construction/development company I have shown the ability and expertise to manage a small business from all aspects (building trades, contract negotiations, labor negotiations, contract and building laws, regulations, codes, etc.).

CLERK OF COURTS

(Vote for one)

TERM: 4 years

The clerk of courts is the chief clerk and record-keeper for the criminal proceedings of the Court of Common Pleas. Additional duties include issuing marriage licenses.

DEMOCRATIC

ROBERT F. REILLY

Wilkes-Barre
Age: 38

Education: B.A. Political Science, King's College

Occupation: Clerk of Courts

Training and Experience: I have a 16 year record of unblemished public service, the last 4 years as the Clerk of Courts. Since taking over this office in 1988, we have strived to be more efficient and responsive to the public needs. We have completely computerized the office and initiated a new collection system which generated over one million dollars in revenue for Luzerne County Taxpayers.

REPUBLICAN

ROBERT W. BOGUMIL

Wilkes-Barre
Age: 57

Education: Graduate of Wilkes-Barre Business College

Occupation: Rental Real Estate Developer

Training and Experience: I have run a successful business for the past 30 years and am now retired to collecting rent from my rental income properties. I have plenty of time and ability to be of service to the people of Luzerne County.

RECORDER OF DEEDS

(Vote for one)

TERM: 4 years

The recorder of deeds maintains the records of real property in the county and collects real estate transfer taxes. In addition, he keeps other records, i.e. military discharges, plot plans for developments, and characters of non-profit organizations.

DEMOCRATIC

FRANK CASTELLINO

Pittston
Age: 74

Education: Graduate Pittston High School, attended Wilkes-Barre Business College.

Occupation: Recorder of Deeds

Training and Experience: I have spent most of my life in this office, and know every facet concerning the operation of it. Worked from clerk to Chief Deputy and was first elected in 1968, and now am completing my sixth four year term as Recorder. I have made many improvements in the operation of the office. We are now in the process of computerizing all records.

REPUBLICAN

JOSEPH M. SALVO

Shavertown
Age: 63

Education: 2 yrs. Political Science at Wilkes College

Occupation: Vice-Pres., American Travelers Life Insurance Co.

Training and Experience: Councilman in West Wyoming for 16 years. Presently member of Luzerne County Planning Commission and have been for the past 6 years. Vice-Pres. of Amer. Trv. Life Ins. Co., have 22 managers and 40 additional agents under me. As an officer of ATL, I am