

## Officials

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ing government to the product and resident to consumers. "As supervisor, I'd like the residents to feel like they're the customers and we're providing a service to them. We have to sell ourselves to them and prove ourselves to them so they have confidence in us."

Wilkes has also taken over the post of roadmaster, which is his full-time job. With all this added responsibility, Wilkes admits there's no such thing as an 8-to-5 day, much less a vacation day. "You never know when something's going to come up," he says, and he's prepared to be available.

Wilkes' long-time friend and schoolmate Jim Hutchins has now taken his place as possibly the youngest elected official in Jackson Township history, according to records available to secretary Zbiek.

Hutchins, who was elected this November to the two-year term of township auditor, is a 1991 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and a senior accounting major at Wilkes University, which he now attends part time.

Hutchins says he wanted the auditor position not only to get involved in the community, but also to gain experience toward his goal of becoming an accountant. "It helps to have experience in governmental accounting if you want to work for an accounting firm," he said.

While working his way through

college, Hutchins has gained experience in other jobs as well. He has been the assistant junior high track coach at Lake-Lehman for the past four seasons. He works part time as night auditor for the Days Inn in Wilkes-Barre, and serves as corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves in Wyoming.

But his ambitious and enterprising nature is probably best manifested in his landscaping business, Hutchins Lawn Care, which has been running for about three years. "My grandfather got me started when I was 12 years old, helping with his customers. I began by just cutting lawns, and then expanded to maintaining shrubbery, trees, and then landscaping."

Hutchins joins township auditors Danielle Kmetz of Chase Road, and Don Werkheiser of Salansky Road.

At the meeting, the following were re-appointed: Walter Glogowski, supervisors' chairman; Carl Aston, vice chairman; Henry Zbiek, secretary/treasurer; John Krupa, zoning officer and building inspector. Blythe Evans was re-appointed as solicitor at a rate of \$50 per meeting plus fees, and Wilkes was appointed roadmaster at a rate of \$10.25 per hour. In his absence, Richard Manta, former road foreman, will be in charge at the rate of \$10 per hour.



POST PHOTO/ANN POEPPERLING  
Jim Hutchins, left, and John "Jay" Wilkes Jr., who together may be the youngest pair of elected officials in the state.

## Evans hopes to recuperate at home, but cost prohibitive

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP** - The fund drive to help dairy farmer Shelly Evans, recovering from cancer surgery at the Buffalo General Hospital and has no health insurance, has collected about \$1,900.

The December 22 surgery removed most of the malignant tumor, diagnosed as chondrosarcoma, growing on his upper right leg and hip, but a small piece about the size of a pinkie fingernail is still left on his pelvis, according to his sister, Dale Evans Fedak. Evans is wearing a partial body cast on his hips and right leg and has a metal plate in his pelvis.

"The tumor was very large and grew in three layers - a tumor within a tumor within a tumor," she said. "The doctors said he'll need radiation treatments to save his leg."

There are only three known cases of chondrosarcoma in the country, and Evan's case is even more rare, she added.

Evans underwent further surgery January 9 to remove a hematoma from an incision which

had been made to perform the original biopsy and didn't completely heal.

He can get in and out of bed using a trapeze bar, but can't sit in a chair yet.

Evans may be allowed to come home until he has healed enough to have the radiation treatments, but the cost is prohibitive.

Ambulance transportation to and from Buffalo costs \$1,100 per trip, which will wipe the fund out immediately, Fedak said. The only ambulance which will make the trip is operated by the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Private services won't go out of state.

"Although Shelly could come home in a private mini-van, we wouldn't be comfortable traveling without an EMT in case he needs help," she said.

Cards and well-wishes may be sent to Shelly Evans at the Buffalo General Hospital, Room 1615-D, 100 High Street, Buffalo, NY 14203.

Donations to help pay for his medical care may be sent to the Valley View Union Chapel, Shelly Evans Cancer fund, c/o church treasurer Robert Law, 154 Jackson Street, Dallas PA 18612.

## Dickinson honored by Wyoming Seminary

Dr. John Dickinson, chairman of the science department at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, was recently honored by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church for exemplary teaching.

The board, based in Nashville, Tenn., annually recognizes an outstanding teacher or professor at Methodist-affiliated colleges and prep schools throughout the country.

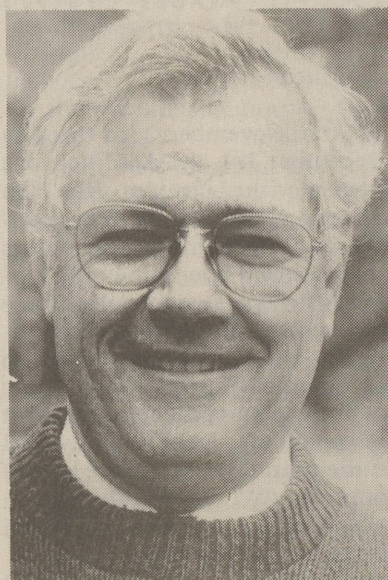
Dickinson, who has taught at Wyoming Seminary since 1982, is

a graduate of St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, where he received a bachelor's degree in biology.

He holds a master's degree in oceanography from the University of California, San Diego, and a doctorate in oceanography from Oregon State University. His doctoral research focused on the study of life on the ocean bottom; prior to his Wyoming Seminary appointment, he worked with the National Geographic Society and with the National Museum of Canada.

At Seminary, Dickinson has developed the school's Advanced Placement Chemistry course, which prepares students for advanced study at the college and university level. This past summer, he developed his own textbook for introductory chemistry, distilling his notes, sample problems, formulas and other essentials into a customized textbook for the course.

A native of Philadelphia, he resides in Shavertown with his wife, Donna and two children.



JOHN DICKINSON, PhD

## Friends plan 'salute' to new commissioner Red Jones

Luzerne County Commissioner, Joseph "Red" Jones of Lehman Twp. will be the guest of honor at a cocktail reception and dance on Friday, Jan. 19, at the Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas.

The "Back Mountain" salute to "Red" Jones is being sponsored by many of Jones' friends from the Back Mountain. Former Lake-Lehman principal and Harveys Lake resident, Jay Zaleskas is the chairman of the event.

Jones served on the Lake-Lehman school board for 14 years. He resigned in November after winning a seat on the board of Luzerne County Commissioners.

Jones was sworn in as a commissioner on January 2.

"Most of us are aware of Red's dedication to Lake-Lehman and his unselfish efforts to help those in need," said Zaleskas. "Moreover, there are countless other times when Red gave of himself in private matters. This is our chance to thank him and wish him well as he begins his new responsibilities."

The event will be held from 7-10 p.m. Music and dancing will be provided by the "Fabulous Breaker Boys." For information and reservations, call 696-3133. The ticket donation is \$37.50.

## Women Voters' legislative breakfast set for January 20

The seventh annual legislative breakfast sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Wilkes-Barre area will be held Jan. 20 at the Ramada Hotel in Wilkes-Barre from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend, and advance registrations are requested.

The following legislators have been invited to participate: state senators Ray Musto (D-Pittston) and Charles Lemmond Jr. (R-Dallas); state representatives Kevin Blaum (D-Wilkes-Barre), George C. Hasay (R-Shickshinny), Stanley J. Jarolin (D-Nanticoke), Phyllis Mundy (D-Kingston) and Thomas Tighe (D-Hughestown).

The legislators will participate in an open informal discussion during breakfast, followed by an interview segment on funding priorities for prevention and early intervention programs; the state's preparedness for funding and administration of welfare and human service programs; open burning of domestic refuse, and government taking of private property and legislation for compensating property owners.

The cost for the breakfast is \$10 per person. Checks in that amount should be made payable to the League of Women Voters, and sent to the League at P.O. Box 1480, Wilkes-Barre PA 18703. Questions and/or phone reservations should be directed to the League at 675-3429 or 287-7181. Reservations must be received no later than Jan. 16.

## Dallas High financial aid program Jan. 10

The Dallas Senior High School Guidance Department is sponsoring a program on financial aid for all students planning to continue their education beyond high school, and their parents. The program is scheduled for Wed., Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Middle School auditorium.

Ms. Peggy Charnick, Financial Aid Advisor at College Misericordia, will speak.

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