

Harveys Lake voters have six to pick from in race for borough council

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HARVEYS LAKE - Voters in Harveys Lake will have a full slate of candidates to choose from in the election for three seats on the borough council.

Out of the six candidates, three are currently active members and three are hopefuls. Several attempts were made to try to reach two of the candidates, incumbent Democrat Edward Kelly and challenger Sandra Serhan, but they were either unavailable for comment or failed to return calls.

The other four were very cooperative, and answered all questions with pleasure and enthusiasm. Here's what they had to say.

Wayne Smith, who is not currently serving, said he is retired and has only one other interest, the Harveys Lake Fire Department. Smith, a Republican, feels that is a major strong point to his being elected, because, "I can do a good job, and spend more time than anyone else. I don't feel that I am any better than anyone else. I will both talk and listen to the fine people of the community."



WAYNE SMITH

Honesty, he said is the best thing for anyone in government, and Smith says that if honesty is what you want than you will get it with him.

"Since I'm on the outside looking in, there really is no sense in stirring up trouble, but, there may and I stress may be things I could do differently if I were on the council," said Smith.

Addressing the roads is something Smith said he would do rather quickly. "I'm not blaming our road department, but they could be improved, and I can't do anything from the outside," he said.

There are some ordinances that need to be updated, and brought to the attention of the council, because there are many that they may not even be aware of. These are the first things Smith said he would do if he wins next week.

Joseph Miscavage, Democrat, said that he wants to see people on the street and be able to tell them that he will take care of whatever problem they may have in their community.

"I think the council is doing a fairly good job, and there is nothing I can see that is really wrong," said Miscavage. The first thing he said he would address if elected to council is the demolition of old buildings. He said it seems to take too long to get a building condemned and ripped down but only a day for places like Wilkes

Barre.

Asked why he would make a good council member he said, "I sat for six years before, and I want to be involved with the community. I want to do things right, and if there are 20 people at a meeting then we are doing something right, but if there are 200, there is something wrong."

George Kopko who currently serves on the council, said if people would get out and express their minds by voting it would let council know their concerns.

"Council is doing a good job,

and they have come along way. We need to get the community more involved, and also get our roads up to good standards," said Kopko.

Experience in management and as a teacher along with a knack for achieving goals make him a good council member, Kopko said.

A graduate of Wilkes University with a degree in



FRANCIS KOPKO

commerce and finance. George Andrews feels he is qualified to serve as council vice president, which is his current title.

"We need to get this ban on Phosphates, because the lake is our most valuable asset," said Andrews on his first issue of importance. "We also need to bring our ordinances up to date," he said.

Andrews said he is fairly well satisfied with council, and pointed out new initiatives. "We are looking into a compost program to take affect borough wide.

The member of the board of directors of the Luzerne Conservation District says, "I sincerely would like to see people get involved through-out the borough, whether it be by voting or by turning out to meetings. The more people get involved the better our government will be," Andrews said.



GEORGE ANDREWS

Angley earns scholarship to VMI

Seaton E. Angley has been selected to receive an Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) scholarship and will attend Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, for three years.

The cadets are selected for the merit-based scholarship program on basis of their academic record which includes comprehensive fees, as well as a flat rate of \$450 annually for books, supplies and equipment, and \$1,500 in tax-free spending money.

Upon graduation from college and completion of the ROTC program, the cadet will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, National Guard, or Reserve.

The cadet will study military science, management development, and experiencing adventure training while pursuing a degree in chemistry.

Angley is the son of James J. Angley of Forty Fort and Rebecca Davenport of Shavertown.

He is a 1996 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, Lehman.

Lake-Lehman Band Craft Show Nov. 22

The Lake-Lehman Band Sponsors will hold their Fall Craft Show on Sat., Nov. 22, at the Lake-Lehman High School, Lehman, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be over 140 vendors.

The kitchen will be open all day with food and refreshments. There will be a Chinese Auction, 50/50 raffles, and a bake sale. All proceeds benefit the Lake-Lehman Band.

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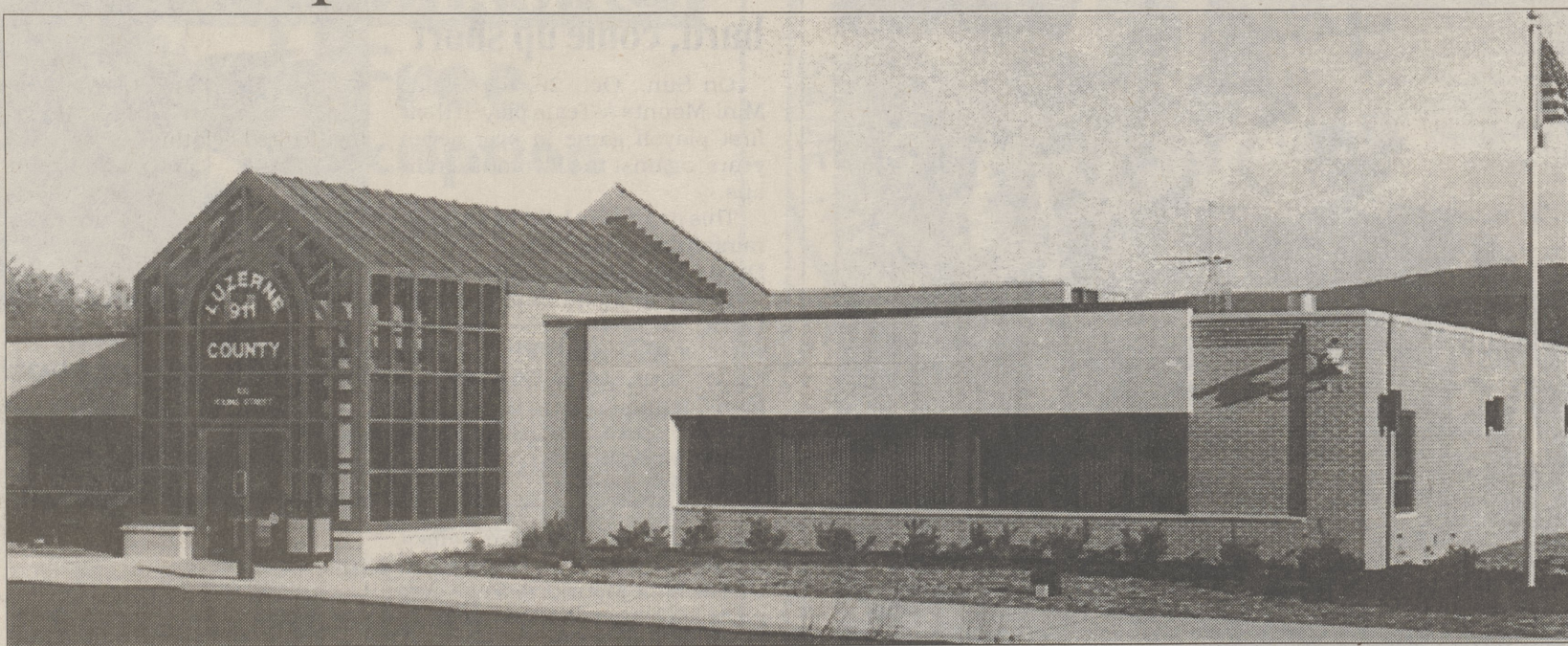
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Luzerne County Commissioners To Dedicate '911' Center

Dedication Ceremony October 31

Public Open House and Tours November 1 and 2



Luzerne County Commissioners Thomas A. Makowski, Esq., Frank P. Crossin and Joseph "Red" Jones cordially welcome and encourage all Luzerne County residents to visit and tour the new state-of-the-art '9-1-1' Communications Center located at 100 Young Street in the Hanover Industrial Estates in Hanover Township.

The dedication of the new building will take place on Friday, October 31, at noon and will be open to the public. The facility will be open for public inspection on Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with tours available.

"It is proven that '9-1-1' saves lives. We invite all Luzerne County residents to come out during this three-day orientation period to view first-hand the new communications facility which will serve as the nerve center for enhanced emergency response. This dedication is an important step in the process of improving emergency communication in Luzerne County," the commissioners stated.

Luzerne County expects to implement its countywide '9-1-1' service early in 1998. The facility is a new \$1.8 million, 10,000 square foot structure which will house all of Luzerne County's Enhanced '9-1-1' emergency reporting and dispatching system and service.

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