

SILLY ME

Westmoreland School students were treated to a clown and magic show April 9, sponsored by the school's PTG. Silly Millie entertained youngsters from all grades. In photos, clockwise from upper right; foreground, from left, Christina Dennis, Michael Dennis and Amy Yurchison, with Silly Millie. Background, Alysa Retzena, Kelly Williams and Tiffany Bromack. Lower right photo; Michael Dennis gets a close look. Lower left photo, Megan Baker and Amy Yurchison share a laugh with the clown.

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Dallas Borough Council will have new look after elections

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOEETTER
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DALLAS - Charles Kane is running for a seat on the Dallas Borough Council, and he is virtually assured of election, since incumbent Donald Cooper will not be on the ballot.

The 34-year-old father of two has had a keen interest in elected office since college. Kane hopes to be a part of a council he sees as moving "in the right direction."

Kane and his wife have lived in Dallas since 1991. They have two boys, Connor, 4, and Conrad, 2. Kane, who was born in Wilkes-Barre, moved to Dallas to be close to home and start his own business. He started Horace Mann Insurance Company eight years ago.

"This would be a great opportunity to know the people I live around. I don't have an ax to grind. I think the borough is in good shape. I want to help the borough to maintain the standard of living," Kane said.

Kane had a taste of interactive neighborhood involvement two years ago. The developer needed to blast in his neighborhood, but he and other residents felt uneasy about the information given to them. "We opened our house to the neighborhood and held a meeting with the developer and blasting company. They answered questions and put everyone's fears to rest," explained Kane, who was impressed by the solidarity of the event.



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Carrying on the theme of solidarity, Kane would like to see the borough implement a community activity. "It would be great if we could create a community event," said Kane, who mentioned the Back Mountain fireworks display has an example. "I would like to have an inter-borough activity where everyone can come out and meet their neighbors. It would get people out on a social basis. With many residents working outside the borough, it's hard to get to know you neighbors."

Also, Kane would like to encourage business to locate in Dallas Borough. "I would like to make the borough attractive to new storefronts and work closely with the Back Mountain Business Association, Chamber of Commerce and the Commission on Economic Opportunity," said Kane, who received a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from King's College.

"I'd like to let businesses know we're supportive of them in the borough. It's important for people to know we support them," he said.

Kane said he has a vested interest in Dallas Borough. "I have my own family here and I am concerned how the borough prospers and grows."

Voter applications available at the Post

Mail-in voter registration applications are available at the office of The Dallas Post. Registrations must be received at the Luzerne County Election Bureau by April 21 in order to vote in the May 20 primary. Voters must:

- Be a citizen of the U.S. for at least one month.
- Be a resident of the election district for at least 30 days prior to the election.
- Be 18 years of age on the day of the election.
- Not have been imprisoned on a felony charge in the previous five years.

The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Stevens to speak at Republican breakfast

Chairman Tom Reese announced that Judge Corealle Stevens will be the featured speaker at the 5th Republican District's Annual Breakfast meeting on Sat. April 26 at the Irem Temple Country Club beginning at 9 a.m.

Judge Corry Stevens is a graduate of Penn State Univ. (A.B. 1968) and Dickinson School of Law (J.D. 1972). While at Dickinson he was an associate editor of the Dickinson Law Review.

He was elected to four successive terms in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives (1980-1988) and served on the House Judiciary Committee and House State Government Committee.

In 1988 Stevens was sworn in as Luzerne County District Attorney and in 1991 he won both nominations for the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas. He resides in Hazleton with his wife, Joyce and three children. Tickets can be obtained by calling 675-5929.



CORREALE STEVENS

Salaries

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County haven't been reviewed in decades. The millage rate is higher in Luzerne County, but it is applied to a smaller assessed value.

Winner's granddaughter attended Lake-Lehman. Winner says that during her senior year of high school she had to use a science textbook that was missing pages and had to share an English text with another student instead of having her own. "All we have ever asked of them is to provide a quality education. We feel every child needs a quality education," Winner said. "If we can't afford to buy textbooks for the kids, how can we afford to buy 400 football uniforms?"

School board member Rose Howard supports the taxpayers' resolution. "I agree wholeheartedly with the resolution. The school district is in a lot of debt. Between 70 and 80 percent of the budget is for the teachers' salaries. We asked them to take a freeze last year around this time and they refused. They have received a lot from the district. It would be nice to see them give something back."

Karen Whipple, also a school board member, noted the board's

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School board negotiator

unenviable position. "It comes down to reality," she said. "It's something everyone would love to see, but it's not reality." She went on to say, "I think the district is in a financial situation that it's never been in before and I think the staff is aware of that. Lake-Lehman has never had a strike and they pride themselves on that."

Board member Lois Kopcha thinks the resolution is a good idea, but concedes, "At the very least, we're hoping for no increase. They're making a good salary. We're in financial straits."

Ed Kern, school board member and member of the contract negotiating team, said, "I've never seen any union accept a take-back but anything is possible."

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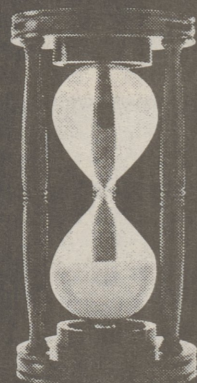
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