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## Candidates square off for 117th Legislative District seat

### 26 years is long enough, says Conyngham

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**BACK MOUNTAIN** - The race for state representative of the 117th District will come to an end on November 3 and William H. Conyngham hopes he crosses the line first.

Since registering as the Democratic candidate in March, Conyngham has been pounding the pavement with the determination to get new blood in the office that George C. Hasay has occupied since 1972.

"No one has really tested this fellow in a long time," Conyngham told *The Dallas Post* in March. "I thought how he would've gone through the 1990's without a challenge and that's not much of a test."

"If I hadn't decided to run there would have been no choice on elec-

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WILL H. CONYNGHAM

### Hasay touts experience, seniority

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**BACK MOUNTAIN** - As George C. Hasay prepares for election day, he takes his opponent seriously, but feels secure in his 26 years as state representative for the 117th District.

As a fresh-faced 23-year-old, an inexperienced Hasay beat out a



GEORGE C. HASAY

16-year incumbent for the Republican party nomination and has never left the seat. "The Republican party was hungry for someone young to bring new life into the party," Hasay recalled. "Back then there was always a race."

He admits he did not know the ropes when he started, but feels his seniority and track record make him the right choice now.

"It was an education on how the process works,"

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## Umm, umm good

Bill Dantona tasted the sauce at last week's spaghetti supper at St. Therese's Church in Shavertown. Also having a good time in the kitchen, from left, Marueen Albrecht, Jack Martin and Carl Galady. More photos on page 5.

## Dallas center road work to start soon

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**BACK MOUNTAIN** - Construction to unclog congestion at the main intersection in Dallas is set to start in the next two to three weeks and be finished by spring, said Steve Shimko, district plans engineer for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT).

The work includes widening Rt. 415 in front of the Dallas Post Office to install a right turn lane on to Church St. A concrete divider will be built to protect post office customers from vehicles. The side entrance driveway into the post office will be closed and Foster St., which runs parallel to Rt. 415 behind the post office, will be utilized for the main entrance.

A new front door for customers is currently being built at the office to accommodate the construction.

Main St. will be widened to make room for an additional right-turn lane onto southbound Rt. 415. Two parking spaces currently used by police in front of the Dallas Borough Municipal Building and five public spaces across the street will be lost. A portion of the corner in front of Besecker's Realty will be removed for the turning lane. The large digital clock that informs drivers of the time and temperature will have to be moved.

Also, a one-way stop light will be placed on Rt. 415 southbound at Machell Ave. A light will allow the intersection to remain open without congestion if a northbound motorist wants to turn left onto Machell from the highway, Chuck Mattei, a PennDOT district engineer, told *The Dallas Post* in the spring.

Mattei said the improvements to the main intersection will not be a long-term fix. He said PennDOT believes the construction will buy another five to 10 years. PennDOT will have to create a new intersection plan if the high rate of growth continues in the Back Mountain, he said.

At a public meeting last week at the Kingston Township Municipal Building, PennDOT representatives discussed plans for the intersection of Rt. 309 and Hillside Rd. in Trucksville. The project is set to start in late spring of 1999.

Shimko said a sensor controlled traffic light will be placed at the intersection and the Rt. 309 northbound left turn lane will

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## Complaints may lead to abandonment of Cassie Green Rd.

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**LEHMAN TWP.** - Tired of tire tracks in his yard and knocks on the door past midnight, Tom Lewis asked the Lehman Township supervisors for help at Monday's meeting.

Lewis is the only house on Fedor Rd. Cassie Green Rd. is adjacent to Fedor Rd.

Lewis asked supervisors to gate the road from Fedor Rd. to the reservoir. He told the supervisors that since fishing has been allowed at the reservoir since spring there has been much more traffic on the small, one-lane dirt road.

"Since the fish commission opened the reservoir to fishing I've had nothing but problems. People always fished there illegally, but now the traffic has in-

creased," said Lewis. "I hear screeching tires when someone is coming down Fedor Rd. and someone else is turning off Cassie Green Rd. I'm anticipating people this winter," said Lewis, who has never turned anyone away, but fears the number of knocks will increase to an unbearable level.

Doug Ide, roadmaster, said he knew what Lewis was talking about. "I've en-

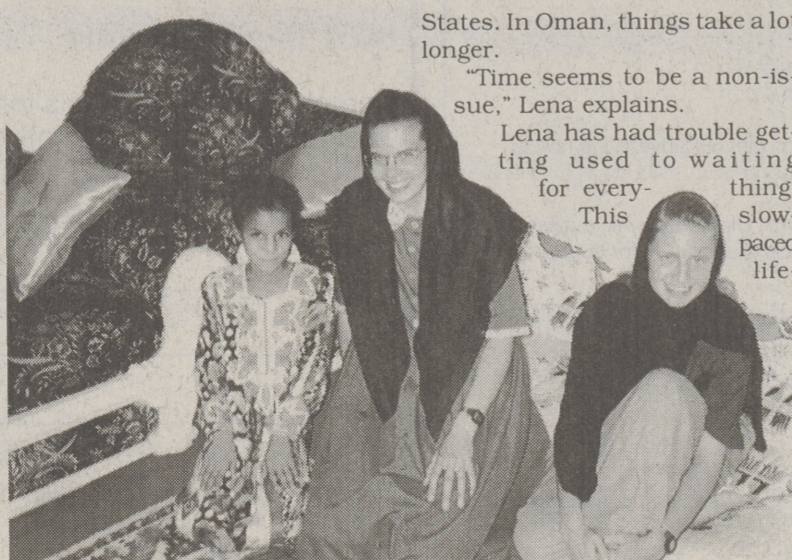
countered the problem as well and I live a mile past the parking lot for fishermen," he said. The board was in favor of vacating Cassie Green Rd. "This gives us incentive. We ought to vacate by the end of the year," Ide told Lewis.

He advised Lewis to call PA American Water Company, which owns the land around Cassie Green Rd., and ask that they gate the road.

## Kuehns are adapting to slower Omani way of life

By ALISON ROSKOS  
Special to The Dallas Post

**OMAN** - Slaughtering animals, riding camels, learning Arabic ... Lena Kuehn and her family have had some incredible experiences in the two years since they left the Back Mountain for the small, middle-eastern country of Oman. Lena and her sister, Michelle, were best known for their dedicated volunteer work at the Meadows Nursing Center when they lived here. The rest of their family — Kermit, who was a professor at King's College; Connie, a homemaker and home educator; and Logan, their brother — often joined them as they sang and played the piano for the residents. Lena's daily life still involves music, as she teaches piano. But the rest of her life has changed drastically. Surprisingly, the change hardest to adjust to has been the



Lena Kuehn, center and Michelle, right, with an Omani friend.

Omanis' very different concept of time. In the United States we expect to get what we want when we want it. Life is very rushed in the

States. In Oman, things take a lot longer.

"Time seems to be a non-issue," Lena explains.

Lena has had trouble getting used to waiting for everything. This slow-paced life-

style also means that most people are not on time for anything.

"In some cases," she says, "it is actually normal to be late — even

up to an hour!"

The work and school week is very different as well, starting on Saturday and ending on Wednesday. The Islamic religion names Friday the last day of the week. On that day, all Muslims are expected to congregate for prayer and to listen to a message at the mosque. Thus, Thursday and Friday are the Omanis' weekend.

As the structure of the week indicates, the culture in Oman is arranged primarily around the Islamic religion. Lena explains that there is a mosque in almost every town. Five times a day, she can hear the call to prayer over a sound system from the mosque. Muslims are required to pray each time the call to prayer sounds. The same behavior is expected from all Muslims in Oman. Their religion is the Omani way of life.

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Cross country, soccer, field hockey at top of their games. Sports.

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