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STATE POLITICS

## Political field is crowded

Two Back Mountain residents might seek state representative seat

By DAVE KONOPKI  
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When longtime State Senator Charles Lemmond recently announced he would not be seeking another term in office, it meant a prominent Back Mountain resident would be leaving a high-profile position in Harrisburg.

But now, there's a chance another well-known local resident could be heading to the state capitol to fill a different soon-to-be vacant post.

Dallas Mayor Tim Carroll and Harveys Lake resident Karen Boback are contemplating throwing their hat into the ring to fill the seat of State Rep. George Hasay, who recently announced he won't be seeking re-election when his 17th term expires Nov. 30. The Republican primary election will be held May 16.



George Hasay

Earlier this month, Boback announced she was joining the crowded field to fill Lemmond's position. But that was before Hasay announced his retirement from politics.

"No decision has been made regarding a run for the (state) House of Representatives versus the state Senate," said Boback earlier this week. "Ever since Representative George Hasay announced his decision to not run for another term, I have been inundated by phone calls and e-mail messages encouraging me to reconsider my decision to run for the Senate. Most of the callers are from local communities who believe that I can best represent them by vying for the House seat."

"My decision to run for either office will be made based upon what I feel I can do for the communities that I would represent. My only consideration at this time is which office will give me the opportunity to best serve my constituents."

Carroll did not immediately return a phone message from The Post. But earlier this week, Dallas Borough manager Joe Moskovitz told a Times Leader reporter that Carroll would be announcing his candidacy in about a week.

"The mayor will be throwing his hat in the ring," said Moskovitz.

The first the first day candidates may circulate nominating petitions is Feb. 14 and March 7 is

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## A record number of dancers enjoy a night of contra dancing



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Ian Warrington plays while dancers - including Jim Reese (center) of Dallas - get into the swing of things.

By DAVE KONOPKI  
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## Fun and fellowship



Alison Thatcher and Ben Warrington join hands with their partners. The contra dance was sponsored by the Chicory House.

DALLAS TWP. — Dave Martin has been attending local contra dances for the last 15 years. But he never saw a crowd like he did last weekend.

More than 120 people attended a contra dance — dancing somewhat similar to square dancing and ballroom dancing — at the Fellowship Evangelical Free Church of Dallas on Hildebrandt Road. The event was sponsored by the Chicory House.

"It was the biggest turnout ever," said Martin, who organized the dance. "There were people of all ages. They ranged from young people to old people. It was great to see."

The dance, which was held for many years at St. Therese's Church in Shavertown, was held for the first time at the FEFC.

"It's a very nice location," Martin said. "There's lots of parking and it's a nice, big area. The floor is good and the acoustics are good."

Another reason for the large turnout was the music provided by the Warrington family.

The former Kingston residents — Jean on guitar, Peter on bass and their offspring Ben on piano, Lucy and Ian on fiddles — played Celtic and English country-style music during their annual contra dance appearance. The popular Bob Nicholson called the dance.

Trucksville resident Jean Grube,

"It was the biggest turnout ever. There were people of all ages. They ranged from young people to old people. It was great to see."

Dave Martin  
Contra dance organizer

who has been attending the local dances for the past two or three years, was part of last weekend's large crowd.

"I love the fact that there's a live band," she said. "There are very few things that you can go to with live band and a live caller. It's a New England-style dance and it has an American tradition. I like the traditional and historical aspects of the dance."

There's not a lot of standing — or sitting — around during a contra dance, says Martin.

"Everyone gets involved," he said. "Even people who come alone not intending to dance get pulled in. After every dance, the caller encourages people to dance with someone new. It can be done by all skill level."

It's easy and novices are warmly welcomed, says Grube.

"In square dancing, you stay with your partner and there are many steps to learn," she said. "In contra dancing, you don't have to know any

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## Former Phillies pitcher hits a home run at Ross Elementary School

By DAVE KONOPKI  
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You might think celebrating a World Series championship on the field with his teammates was the highlight in the life of Dickie Noles.

But it's not even a close second compared to an encounter the former Philadelphia Phillies pitcher had with a 9-year-old boy nearly two decades ago.

Noles, who was pitching for the Phillies at the time, had finished giving a speech to a group of young students when the youngster approached him. The fourth-grader told Noles he had a problem — a drug problem.

"I was floored," said Noles, who spent nearly two hours earlier this week at Ross Elementary School, talking to students in grades 3-6 about the dangers of drugs, alcohol

and tobacco. "Nine years old! I couldn't believe it."

Several years later, Noles received a letter from the young man thanking him for helping to save his life.

"I've had a lot of great experiences," said Noles, a fourth-round draft pick in 1975 who played 11 seasons in Major League Baseball. "But nothing is even close. I'll never forget being able to help that young man get help. Nothing can ever compare to the way I was able to touch that young man's life."

"There's nothing that can match the feeling of being able to help another human being."

As the Phillies' employee assistance professional, Noles spends a lot of time helping others. The 49-year old has spoken to students in

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Dickie Noles, an 11-year season pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies, came to Ross Elementary School to speak about substance abuse and sign these this baseball belonging to Kay Leigh.