



Trucksville resident Jean Grube took a spin around the floor.



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A record turnout of more than 120 people attended a contra dance at the Fellowship Evangelical Free Church in Dallas Township.



Thaddeus Prekel, Katie Savin, Vicky Prekel and Richard Williams have a good time at the contra dance.

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steps. And they encourage you to change partners. You get the chance to meet a lot of nice people.

"They talk you through each dance before they do it. They love having first-timers. They're very receptive to having people come to the dance for the first time."

The contra dances will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month at the Fellowship Evangelical Free Church in Dallas.



Ian and Lucy Warrington played violins during the contra dance.

The next dance is scheduled for Feb. 4.

"It's great to see people supporting local music and a local organization," said Martin.

You always see people smiling. You never see them frowning at a contra dance.

NOLES

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more than 3,000 schools since 1984.

"I've never considered myself a public speaker," he said. "But since I've been doing this, I've been offered so many jobs as a motivational speaker. I didn't start doing it for any reason. I wanted to give kids a message to stay off drugs and stay clean. I've dedicated my life to doing this."

Noles quickly points out that he had his own battles with alcohol. During an alcohol-related incident on April 9, 1983, Noles - who was then a member of the Chicago Cubs - injured his right knee and was never the same pitcher. It was also the last day he drank alcohol.

"I was 26 years old when I went into treatment," he said. "I try to teach the kids not to make the same mistakes I did."

As a youngster growing up in the Back Mountain as a huge fan of the Phillies, Don James followed Noles' career. And he's the reason

Noles paid a visit to Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Ross Elementary School principal was visiting the Phillies Web site when he noticed the organization sometimes sends players and representatives to give speeches at schools. Intrigued - but not optimistic - James sent an e-mail message. He received a telephone call the next day.

"To be honest, I left a message never thinking I'd hear back from anyone," said James. "It was a great surprise."

The schools Parent-Teacher Organization agreed to pick up the small tab - barely enough to cover traveling expenses - to bring Noles to the school.

Less than a month later, the 6-foot-2 right-hander was speaking to approximately 150 students in grades 3-6. Many of them wore Phillies shirts and brought baseballs and gloves in hopes of getting an autograph.

Noles didn't disappoint them.

After speaking for a little more than an hour, Noles went into the classrooms to sign autographs, shake hands and pose for pictures.

"This was much more than I had hoped for," said James. "I didn't expect him to spend so much time with the kids and sign so many autographs. He's such a class act."

Noles appeared in 48 games during the Phillies 1980 championship season, posting a 3.89 ERA. During that year's postseason, Noles compiled a 3-0 record that included a 1-0 mark in the World Series against Kansas City. He began his career in Philadelphia and played three seasons for the Phillies before playing for five teams - Cubs, Rangers, Indians, Orioles and Tigers - during the next seven seasons. Noles finished his career with the Phillies in 1990.

Today's athletes are doing a lot of behind-the-scenes work in the community, says Noles.

"Jim Thome gives millions to charity and Jimmy Rollins gets involved in the community. I know some guys who are doing more than you would ever know. But I'd like to see more guys get involved, especially with young kids. I really believe we've forgotten about the young people in America."

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REORGANIZE



The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors recently held its reorganization meeting for 2006. Incumbent supervisor Paul Sabol was sworn in for a new four-year term and David Brodhead was sworn in for his first four-year term. District Magistrate James Tupper administered the oath of office. David Jenkins was elected chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Chris Yankovich was elected vice chairman. The Board of Supervisors meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. Attending the oath of office, from left, are Brodhead, Sabol and Tupper.

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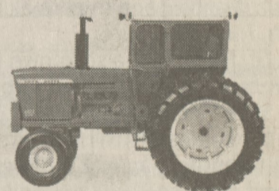
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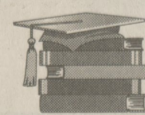
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