

Troy's decision expected soon

Look for Lake County Commissioner **Daniel P. Troy** to make his decision possibly this week.

If you don't know, Troy is the Democratic Party's nominee for Ohio House of Representatives District 60 after he won the March 6 primary and faces Republican **Lori DiNallo**, a Painesville councilwoman, in the Nov. 6 election.

For the past few months, Troy has considered, not all that privately, whether to allow the Lake County Democratic Party to nominate someone else to run against DiNallo. He then would remain as commissioner two more years until his term expires.

What this has done is prompt Troy to make a choice at some point. If he chooses not to decide, he still makes a choice — to stay as the state representative candidate.

But if Troy chooses to drop out of the race, some believe the person nominated to take his place could be Mentor-on-the-Lake Mayor **John Rogers**, a Lake County deputy treasurer who ran in the Democratic Party March 6 primary for treasurer, but lost to state Rep. **Lorraine Fende**.

Fende, who is term-limited from running against this year for Ohio House of Representatives, faces Concord Township Republican **Bob Patterson** in the county treasurer's race Nov. 6.

Troy wishes he could do both jobs — return to the Statehouse, where he served for 14 years, and stay as commissioner — but he cannot.

What if Troy drops out? Some Democrats will be highly upset. They don't like the idea that Troy would seek the party's nomination and then hand it back.

Perhaps jumping the gun, there are some folks already trying to line up



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support for a possible commissioner appointment under the assumption Troy wins a seat in Columbus.

Would the decision to stay as commissioner hurt Troy's political future? Possibly, as it might prompt a Democratic primary challenger

in 2014, if he were to seek another four-year term as commissioner.

I'm not so sure Troy is concerned about potential political ramifications if he decides to remain as a commissioner. What I think he's concerned about the most, quite frankly, is where he believes he could do the most good. In Columbus, he's likely a member of the minority party trying to shape state law and policies. As a commissioner, he's a big fish in a smaller Lake County pond.

Whatever is the result of Troy's choice will make waves, so let's see what develops.

Candidate endorsements

For any Nov. 6 candidates who have earned endorsements (not from The News-Herald), feel free to email them or fax them. Because of the volume and space required to list them, these items will not be printed in this column. Instead, they'll be posted periodically on The News-Herald's Northern Ohio Politics Blog at NorthernOhioLocalPolitics.blogspot.com.

Fundies

■ Lake County Commissioner **Robert E. Aufuldish** hosts the ninth annual Ferrante Winery Celebration, 5:30 to 8

p.m. Wednesday at Ferrante Winery & Ristorante, Harpersfield Township. See **Ernie Koenig** or **Kathie Aufuldish-Freshour**.

■ Wine tasting event honoring Judge **Mary Jane Trapp**, 11th District Court of Appeals Court, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Vineyard, Madison Township. See **Mike Apicella**.

■ Fundraiser for **Jim Dvorak**, candidate for Geauga County commissioner, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, at Colonial Wine and Beverage, 8389 Mayfield Road, Chester Township. See **Dvorak**.

■ **David Fiebig**, candidate for Lake County commissioner, backyard barbecue, 4 to 7 p.m. Aug. 11 at home of **David and Pauli Bokor** in Concord Township. See **Joyce Hribar Fiebig** or **John Plecnik**.

■ **Judy Moran**, candidate for Lake County commissioner, fundraiser hosted by **Dan Mcurdy** with special guest U.S. Rep. **Tim Ryan**, 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Mentor Beach Park. See **Kathy Russo** or **Robert Leach**.

■ Fundraiser for **Emilee Teresczuk**, candidate for Lake County Clerk of Courts, 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 13 at Harry Buffalo in Painesville Township. See **Emilee** or **Matthew Teresczuk**.

■ Fundraiser for **Susan McGuinness**, candidate for Ohio House of Representatives District 61, 5:30 to 7:30, Aug. 14 at home of **Joyce Fitzpatrick**. See **Lindsay Baruffa** or **Carol Roe**.

■ Fourth annual Labor Day Picnic for Wickliffe Mayor **Bill Margalis**, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Aug. 31 at Wickliffe Italian American Club Picnic Pavilion. See **Sue Margalis**.

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