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Hasay said. "People whose cars fail the test will have to spend up to \$450 for repairs to attempt to meet the standards," he said. "Some people's cars aren't worth \$450." He added that owners of cars which fail the initial emissions test will be able to get a waiver to operate their vehicles if they fail the second test and the owners can prove the necessary repairs have been done.

A computer printout listing the repairs needed to pass the emissions test will be provided to owners of cars which fail the test.

"The emissions program for Luzerne County is overkill," Hasay said. "The newer cars have more efficient emissions equipment and use gasoline which contains less carbon than several years ago."

• **Health care**
Hasay said now that basic health insurance is available for the working poor, the next step is to obtain health care coverage for those who still don't have it.

"We also have a free program at Kirby Health Center providing vaccinations for children regardless of family income," he said. "It's funded by the cigarette tax, as is the state health insurance program for the working poor."

Hasay said that the state and federal governments must coordinate their efforts in making sure that health insurance is available to everyone.

• **Employment**
As chairman of the House Business and Commerce Committee, Hasay believes that the proposed "Green Fields" program, in which new industries may obtain existing or abandoned industrial sites for free or at a reduced cost, can do a lot for the area.

"The new industries must clear the sites of any pollution as part of their agreement," he said. "Why spoil more pristine farmland for industry when the area has so many abandoned industrial sites which could be used once they're cleaned up?"

Hasay also believes that some environmental regulations may be scaring industry away from the state.

"Pennsylvania ranks 50th of all the states in being business-friendly," he said. "Compliance with these regulations is too expensive - companies don't want to spend the money. Possibly some regulations could be changed or relaxed. We must study it."

• **Crime**
Hasay said a speedier court system could go a long way in serving justice.

Allowing fewer legal motions during trials and reducing the lengthy appeals process could streamline the court's proceedings, he said.

"Convicted murderers should be executed within 60 days of their conviction," he said.

He also believes victims and their families should have a voice in parole of sex or drug offenders.

Hasay is proud of his accomplishments while in office, especially in the area of constituent service.

"People don't know where to go or whom to turn to for information or assistance with state programs," he said. "I have a dedi-

cated and knowledgeable staff available in two offices and in the field to answer my constituents' questions. My four office telephone lines insure that residents won't have to make a toll call to my office."

His Legislative Initiative Grants have helped many smaller municipalities obtain equipment which they would otherwise be unable to afford, he said.

"Last year Franklin Township bought a good used road grader, Jackson Township bought an office computer and Harveys Lake was able to buy a police cruiser with grants, and didn't raise their taxes one mill to pay for them," Hasay said.

State mini-grants are also available to his district's 31 volunteer fire and ambulance companies, he said.

Hasay worked with other legislators to solve water woes in Shickshinny and Mocanaqua and to obtain funding for a water line

between the Ceasetown Reservoir and Chase Prison, which now supplies all of the prison's water needs.

He is also proud of his work to make special wildlife license plates available to car owners. More than 140,000 have been sold to date, with \$15 from the sale of each plate donated to the Wildlife Fund.

"The Wildlife Fund is involved in a project to bring back the river otter in Pennsylvania, the bald eagle restoration program and a rare native plant study, in which rare plants are documented and their use in medical research is explored," he said. "Rare native plant research is valuable - it could very well find a cure for a major disease."

If reelected, Hasay plans to make school funding and property tax reform his first priority, to ease the burden on the local property owners and those living on fixed incomes.

Register to vote by October 11

The Luzerne County Election Bureau has released the following schedule for the November 8 election:

• October 11: last day to register to vote. Applications must be clocked in at the Bureau of Voter Registration by 4:30 p.m.

Mail-in voter registration applications are available at *The Dallas Post*.

• November 1: applications for civilian absentee ballots must be turned in to the Bureau of Voter Registration office by 5 p.m.

• November 4: completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Luzerne County Election Bureau by 5 p.m.

• November 8: election day.

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make it more equitable to the smaller municipalities.

Legislative Initiative Grants can be used for many purposes, but are most often used for community development projects, such as helping municipalities and fire companies buy equipment, he said.

The grants total between \$60 and \$70 million a year, he said.

"Hasay has been buying votes with WAM's," Whalen said. "Before the primary election, he had outspent all Luzerne County legislators. The areas with the smaller

populations and fewer votes get less than the larger areas. It's totally discriminatory - the legislators spend the money wherever they think that they can get the most votes."

By devising a true needs assessment, Whalen hopes to get the money to the people who need it the most.

"Two of my neighbors have told me that they can't openly support my campaign because several organizations which they belong to have received substantial grant money from Hasay," he said.

Who serves where

After redistricting in 1990, the 120th district includes these Back Mountain communities: Dallas Borough, Kingston and Exeter townships, and the middle and south districts of Dallas Township.

The following are in the 117th district, now represented by George Hasay: Lake, Ross, Franklin, Lehman and Jackson townships, Harveys Lake Borough, and the north district (Kunkle area) of Dallas Township.

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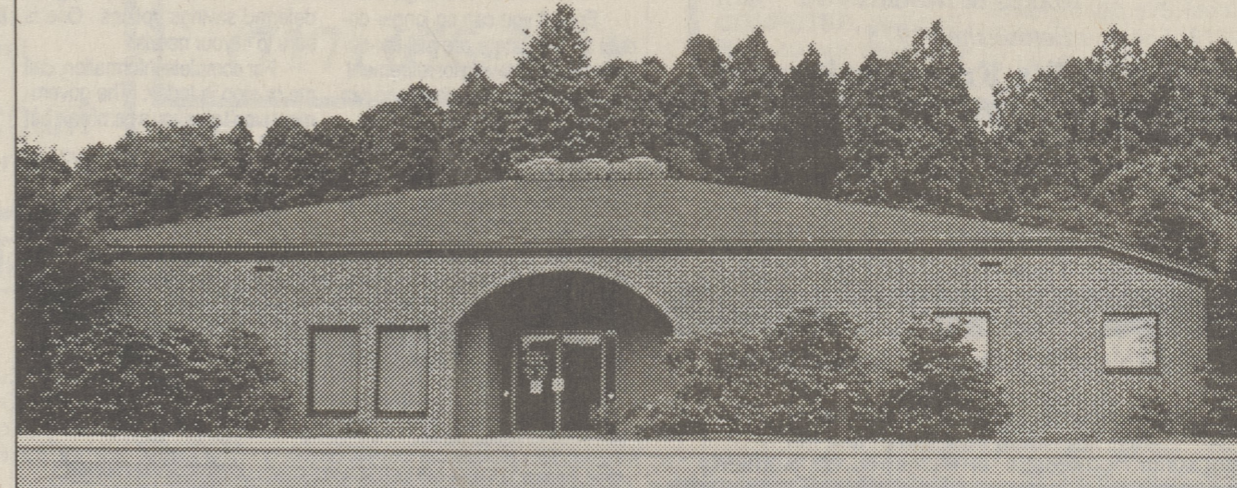
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