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Street, sewer improvement funding

By HEATHER JONES
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Three Back Mountain communities will share \$360,000 from Community Development Block Grant funds for street and water/sewer improvements.

Luzerne County's 2001 plan for using \$7,728,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds and related grants have been approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Development (HUD).

The county will receive \$6,367,000 under the Community Development Block Grant program, which funds public improvements, public services, business development assistance and accessibility projects for people with disabilities; \$1,146,000 under the HOME program, which funds affordable housing for low-income households; and \$215,000 under the Emergency Shelter Grant program.

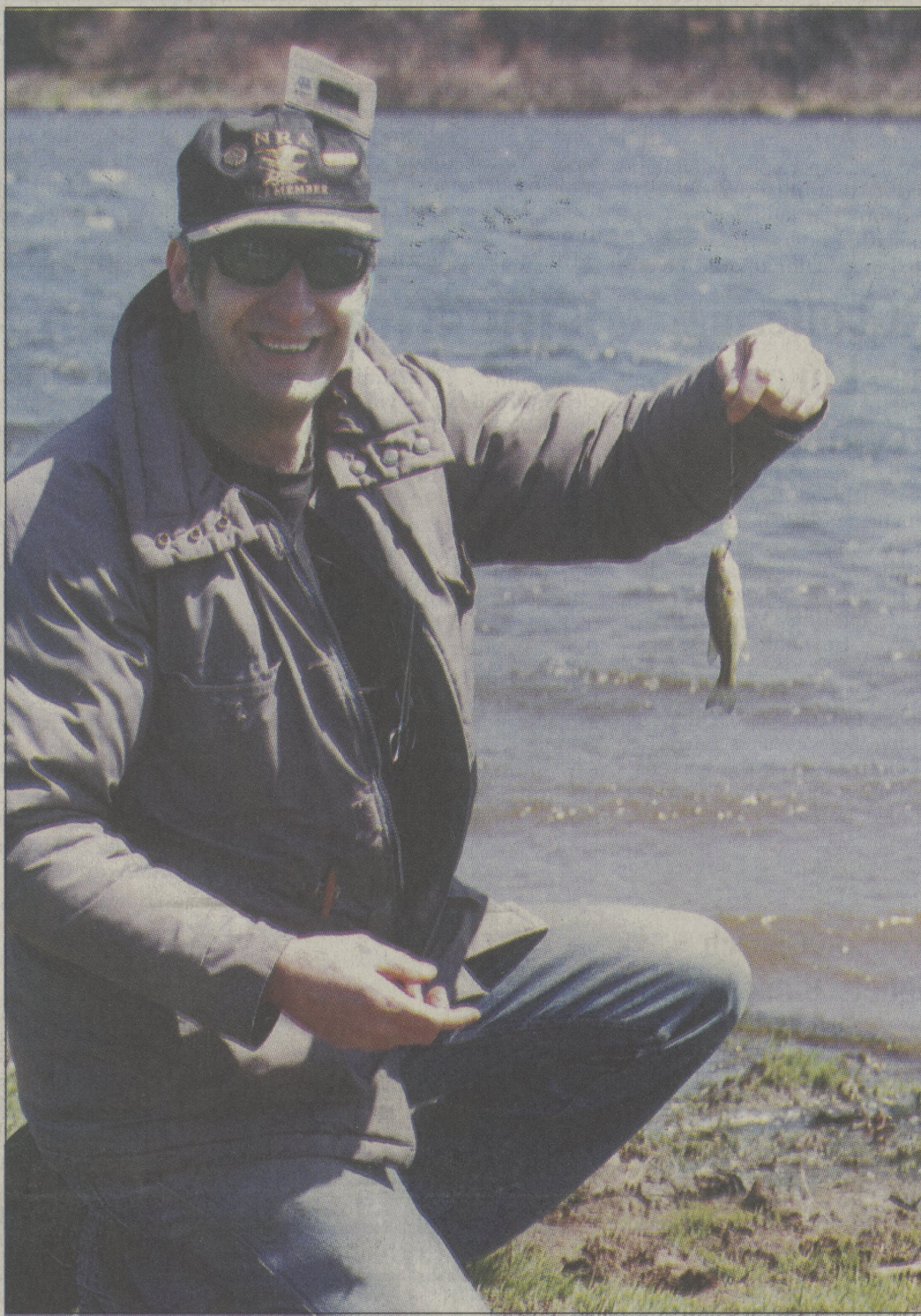
Dallas Borough will receive \$120,000 for street and water/sewer improvements; Harvey's Lake Borough will receive \$120,000 for street improvements; and Kingston Township will also receive \$120,000 for street and water/sewer improvements.

Joseph Moskovitz, Dallas Borough manager, said that as of yet, the borough has not received the funds. He does expect the borough to go out with bid specification packages in about 60 to 90 days for the work.

Moskovitz said, "Grants are based on areas of low to moderate income. We surveyed communities to find pockets that met federal income guidelines and we were able to pinpoint five or six areas that met qualifications."

Kingston Twp. will spend its share on continuing the Green Road paving and storm water control project, said Jeffrey Box, Kingston Twp. manager. The first part of the project which included a storm

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Fish stories

Rich Perrin shows off the fish he caught at Francis Slocum State Park on Saturday before he throws it back. It's the little things in life that bring a smile to Perrin's face.

Fire destroys Harveys Lake home

By HEATHER B. JONES
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Planning to spend Wednesday afternoon mowing his back yard, Andrew Kuchta was shocked when he saw flames shooting out of the bottom rear window of his neighbor's home.

Michael and Janet Ostrowski were at work on Wednesday when their home at 112 Lakeside Drive, Harveys Lake, was destroyed by fire. The Ostrowski's are full-time Harveys Lake residence and are staying with relatives because of the fire.

Kuchta said after seeing the flames at about 11

a.m. he called a neighbor and told them to call 911. He said emergency personnel arrived about 20 to 30 minutes later. "It's hard to get a crew together during the week," Kuchta said, "but by the time they got here, the whole house was on fire."

Harveys Lake Fire Chief Joe Perigino said the fire was under control in about 45 minutes and the cause of the fire was electrical.

Approximately 25-35 fire fighters from Harveys Lake, Kunkle, Dallas, Lehman Twp., Sweet Valley, Noxen, Luzerne, and Trucksville either responded or were on standby during the fire, said Perigino.

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Right; Firefighters battle the flames at this Harvey's Lake Home.



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"The women give each other so much support," Beverly Jane Johnston said about entering the flower show. From left; Beverly Jane Johnston, Kingston, and Shirley Andre, Montrose. More photos on page 10.

Blooming with ideas in the Back Mt.

By Heather B. Jones
 Post Staff

One might think they walked into an etiquette lesson with a room full of ladies talking about table arrangements, but that wasn't the case at the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church in Dallas.

These ladies are preparing their entries for the Northeast Pennsylvania Flower Show, the second largest flower show in the state. The Back Mountain Bloomers are sponsoring the ninth annual flower show is May 4, 5 and 6 at the 109th Field Artillery Armory in Kingston. All proceeds from the show will benefit the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic.

The Bloomers offered a table design class on Thursday for anyone who was interested. At

the class, Shirley Andre and Gladys Bennett show judges from the Garden Club of Montrose, offered the women helpful hints. "Very simple and not over done can tie things together," Gladys advised the class.

Shirley shared a helpful tip with the group for displaying a single bud; stick it in a green grape for the show, that way it's easy to hide and the bud will stay moist.

Shirley also said, "The lights you work in make a difference." One nice thing the women pointed out about the event being held at the armory is the amount of natural lighting in the building.

Newcomer to the flower show, Frances Sabaluski, Lehman, welcomed all the words of wisdom the seasoned

veteran had to offer. Frances is entering the bachelor party category. She will be setting a functional buffet table for four or more and which can be viewed on three sides. "What a challenge," Frances said. However, she looks up to it with the bid smile on her face.

This year's theme for the flower show is 'Weddings in Bloom.' Categories range from 'Just Married' will feature a decorated car bumper to 'Love Nest' miniature vignette design.

For more information regarding entering the Northeast Pennsylvania Flower Show and to receive a schedule send your name and address along with two first class postage stamps to: Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Club, P.O. Box 125, Dallas, Pa. 18612.

Dallas mayoral candidates talk about the issues

By HEATHER B. JONES
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Tim Carroll and Maggie Davis are both running on the Republican ticket during the May primary for mayor of Dallas Borough. Democrats will have the opportunity to place their votes for either candidate as a write in vote.

Tim Carroll

Age: 51
 Currently running for re-election as mayor of Dallas Borough.
 Hometown: Dallas Borough
 Profession: Owner of Carroll Construction
 Education: High school graduate; apprentice in local 514 carpenter's union; and the school of hard knocks.

Member of the following organizations: President of Dallas Fire and Ambulance, 33 year member; Back Mountain Police Association; and founder of the Mayor's Club.



1. What do you feel are the most important issues at this time for Dallas Borough?

One is the fact that we are land locked. Also, the tax base is not going to change much and the cost of doing business increases.

2. How will you address these issues?

I fully support regionalization and it could help. As we spend money, we need to be mindful that it's not an endless wallet.

3. Why are you running and what makes you a good candidate?

I love my home town. I'm available 24 hours a day. My business is right on the main street and I'm always available.

4. What in your background makes you qualified for to be the Mayor of Dallas Borough?

My 30 years of police work experience. I was a constable. I served on council for 7 and a half years and that has made me much smarter. Running my own business because running the borough is a lot like running a business.

5. What will your goals be as mayor?

Help the borough to survive in these crazy economic times. Try to hold expenses down so taxes don't have to be raised.

6. What do you think tax payers should know about you that they don't already?

I'm very sincere and when I say something I mean it from my heart.

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