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## Rotary plans distinctive clock for Dallas

Fundraising campaign has begun.  
Roths pledge \$5,000.

By GAVIN ROBB  
Post Intern

The Rotary Club of Dallas has plans for the center of town. The club plans to purchase and install a four-sided street clock in the Memorial Triangle across from Fino's Drug Store, commemorating the 125th anniversary of the borough.

"This Rotary Club service project is aimed at giving a gift to the community and supporting the borough's beautification of Dallas," said Sandy Peoples, publicity chairperson for the club.

She said donors to the project will receive commemorative die-cast metal replicas of the clock as gifts.

Rotary Club President Art Peoples said the club is working closely with the borough and the campaign already has received a helping hand from its first spon-

sors.

"Ed and Pauline Roth initiated the funding with a donation of \$5,000," said Art Peoples, "They said that the people of the Back Mountain have been very generous in patronizing their store throughout the years, and that this was the least they could do to show their appreciation."

The clock, a centennial project of the Dallas club celebrating the 100th anniversary.

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Artist's rendering of the site located at the Memorial Triangle across from Fino's Drug Store.

## PRETTY POSIES



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Norm Darling Sr. lavished water on some of the pansies he will sell at the family greenhouse. While the past week's weather wasn't anything to get excited about, earlier sun had brought out the blooms in this group of flats.

### TOBY CREEK WATERSHED

## Varied group plots a strategy to save creek

A short walk reveals aquatic life and a few historic surprises.

By JENNIFER JUDGE YONKOSKI  
Post Correspondent

TRUCKSVILLE — When it comes to the condition of Toby Creek, the old saying, "There's some good news and some bad news" certainly applies.

On May 18, interested citizens, representatives from municipal government and scientific experts met to walk along the creek, address its current condition and decide their next move toward protecting and preserving this important feature of the Back Mountain.

The good news is that the creek is home to many forms of life, mainly insects. The bad news is that some important creatures, such as fish, struggle to survive.

"The types of aquatic life indicated that there is runoff into the creek," Gail Smallwood, a member of the emerging watershed protection group, says. "The creek is not polluted to the point where it can't hold aquatic life," but because of soil enrichment from fertilizer, it can't hold some important kinds.

Josh Longmore, watershed specialist for the Luzerne County Conservation District who also went

on the walk, explains. "There is algae, nutrient pollution in the stream. I figured we'd find evidence that stormwater runoff would cause pollution and we did."

Although there is pollution, the creek can be saved, says John Cybulski, a member of the Dallas Borough Road Department. "I was quite confident that it was pretty clean and sustainable. It's maintaining itself, so now we have to keep on it."

Dallas Borough has done numerous projects to beautify natural resources, including removing debris from the creek bed and planting trees.

The walking tour along a stretch of the Back Mountain Trail started at the corner of Carverton Road and Memorial Highway and followed the streambed to Harris Hill Road. "I found it very interesting having the chance to walk along the creek and see how beautiful it is in this area," Smallwood says. "It really reinforced the importance of taking care of the creek and making sure we keep it well being in the forefront."

Angel Bestwick, a Dallas Elementary school teacher, agrees. "It was the first time I had the opportunity to see the creek in that loca-

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POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

While taking a short walk along Toby Creek, Joseph Ceklosky found a broken stone wheel. He guessed it was a weight that had been attached to a water wheel on one of the mills that operated along the creek from 1800 to the early 1900s. Ceklosky is a member of the citizens advisory committee in the Borough of Kingston. He is concerned about flooding that is made worse by runoff in the Back Mountain.

### DALLAS SCHOOL BOARD

## It's official; Galicki is superintendent

Staff report

DALLAS TWP. — Little more than a year after he was passed over by the Berwick School District, long-time administrator Frank Galicki was named Superintendent of Schools in the district where he's worked for more than 20 years.

At a special meeting May 24, the Dallas School Board voted 6-3 to give Galicki a five-year contract as superintendent at a starting salary of \$91,000. Galicki will have one of the lowest Superintendent salaries among Luzerne County's 11 districts. He will get a \$3,000 raise each year, and has 22 vacation days, 12 sick days and three personal days annually.

Board Members Maureen Matiska, Dennis Gochoel and James Richardson voted no. Gochoel and Matiska said they thought the contract should have been for three or four years.

Galicki was one of two finalists for the Berwick job in April 2004. He lost out to James Kraky, who had been assistant superintendent of Catasauqua Area School District in the Lehigh Valley. Galicki and Kraky were the two finalists from a list of 15 initial candidates for the Berwick job.



Frank Galicki

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## Summer sojourn to D.C.

Dallas sophomore will be a Congressional page.

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A good part of Rachel Schaub's summer vacation is already planned out, and it won't be spent at the beach.

A sophomore at Dallas High School, Rachel will head to Washington, D.C. this summer for a stint as a Congressional page.

"I'll be doing things like delivering small packages to the Congressmen, answering phone calls, and doing some secretarial duties," said Rachel, the daughter of Robert and Julie Schaub of Dallas. She will be working in the Capitol and the surrounding Congressional buildings.

Sixty students from across the country were selected to be Congressional pages this summer. All of them are 16-year-olds who will be starting their junior year of high school in the fall. In order to

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## Harveys Lake trash dropoff days

Harveys Lake Borough will accept discarded items from residents Saturday, June 4 and September 10, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon each day. Collectoin bins will be set up at the recreation center ground, off West Point Avenue.

There will be a charge of \$25 per load in cars or 1/2 ton pickups. Larger trucks will be charged \$50 per load. Other charges are: car tires, \$5 each; truck tires, \$10 each; batteries, \$3 each; propane tanks, \$3 each; major appliances, \$10 each.

Shingles, drywall and insulation materials will not be accepted.

Permits must be obtained in advance from the borough office. Proof of residency is required. No permits will be granted the day of the dropoff. Call 639-2113 for more information.

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