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CLOSED DOORS - The doors of "For Crepes Sake" in Shavertown have closed for good as the business left town last week. The pullout was a surprise to some of the employees who are wondering if they will receive back pay. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)

Shavertown restaurant closes without notice

Employees left with bounced checks

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Less than four months after opening its doors, a local business has skipped town, leaving some of its employees wondering if they will be paid for their last two weeks' work.

For Crepes Sake, which was located along Route 309 in Shavertown, closed its doors Wednesday night and in the early morning hours Thursday the place was cleaned out of all the tables, chairs and other items used to furnish the restaurant.

The closing came as a shock to some of employees, but their bigger concern comes in the form of money, as many of them are awaiting two paychecks from the management. They say their next to

Furnishings were cleaned out in the early morning hours Thursday

last checks would not clear the bank, while their last one never arrived.

The employees, many of whom are in their teens, say they don't know what to expect because most of what they are being told is hearsay.

"There are a lot of rumors going around and that is what I know," said Nicole Argentati. It is her understanding that the employees will be paid but she said that the owners have not contacted her

about the situation.

The owners have been identified as Dr. Joseph and Elaine Spaziani and Lou and Denise Cesare, all of Bear Creek. The owners were unavailable for comment on the situation. Calls to the listed phone number for Spaziani's home reached a message saying the phone has been disconnected and efforts to contact the Cesare's at home were unsuccessful. The person answering the phone at Dr. Spaziani's office said he would be unavailable all week.

The owners were interviewed by The Post when the business opened; however, Dr. Spaziani later called and asked that their names not be used in the article, which was never published.

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Lehman to vote zoning changes

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Lehman Township Supervisors are expected to approve changes in the township's zoning and planning ordinances at a meeting next Monday.

The supervisors will hold a public hearing on the changes before their regular monthly meeting. The changes are being made to update the ordinances in an effort to keep up with state guidelines, according to township zoning officer Barbara Simms.

Simms said that some of the state municipal planning code was amended in 1988 and many municipalities, like Lehman Township, are in the process of updating their ordinances.

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Back Mt. men charged with theft, conspiracy

Two Back Mountain residents are free on bail after being charged with defrauding an insurance company of more than \$25,000.

State police in Tunkhannock say that attorney Richard Confair, of Dallas, and retired state trooper Daniel Kocher, of Noxen, face six charges after the two allegedly reported Confair's car stolen and tried to collect insurance money.

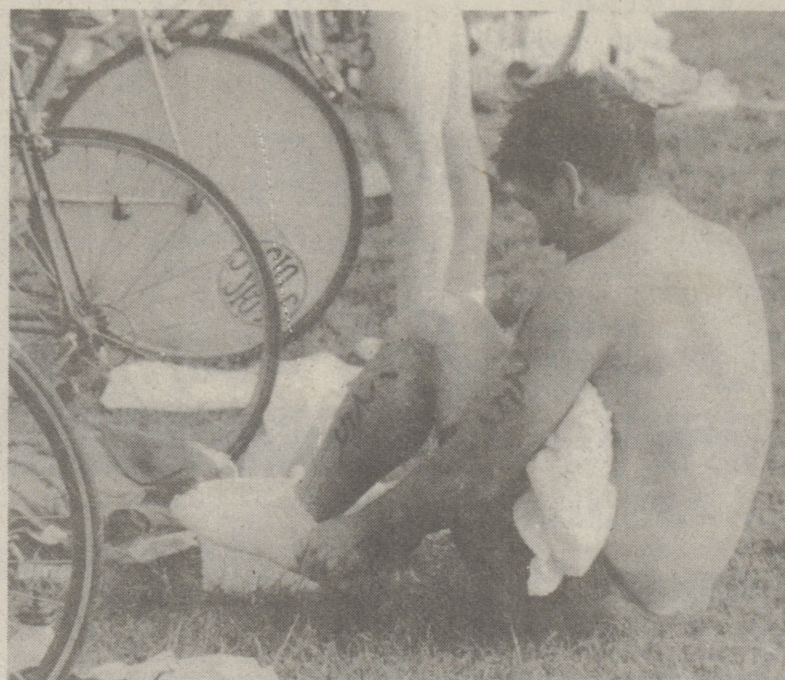
Police say the incident occurred in 1986 when Kocher reported the car, a 1984 BMW owned by Confair, stolen, but the car had not been stolen.

Reports say the two men filed a claim with Erie Insurance and unlawfully collected more than \$25,000 from the company.

The two men were arraigned before District Justice Marion Robinson and were released on \$75,000 bail each. The two are charged with theft by unlawful taking or disposition, theft by deception, securing execution of documents by deception, conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking or disposition, conspiracy to commit theft by deception and conspiracy to commit securing execution of documents.



GETTING READY TO RIDE - Area athletes are shown getting ready for the bicycle portion of this year's Greater Wilkes-Barre Triathlon on Sunday. (Above) Gene Cannon of Dallas (#207) talks to two other participants as he puts on his riding shirt. (Right) Sean Kavanaugh of Dallas (#125) pulls on his socks after getting out of the water. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)



Local athletes pleased with triathlon

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The crowds were exciting, the weather was perfect, and things went well at the 1990 Greater Wilkes-Barre Triathlon, especially for many of the Back Mountain Participants.

Thirty-two athletes from the Back Mountain took part in the event, which had the participants swim 1.5 kilometers, bike 40 kilometers, and then run 10 kilometers.

When it was all said and done, most of the area participants were satisfied with the event.

"It was fun," said Gene Cannon of Dallas. "This is the fifth year that I've entered and I'm satisfied with the way it went."

Cannon said that his time wasn't as good as in the past but he said that doesn't bother him. "It's not the time that matters," said Cannon. "The people that I do this with all know we won't cross the finish line first so we set out with one goal and that is to finish."

Cannon says that the event is a lot of work but

being a local person helps. "It is a unique situation," said Cannon. "Since I train on the actual course there are no surprises. I know what to expect and when to expect it and that helps a lot."

Two area residents did set out to win the event and did just that in the amateur competition. Chris Hackett of Shavertown finished as the top male while Colleen Reed of Dallas finished as the top female. The 27-year-old Hackett finished 80th overall. He said he had some problems with the swimming portion of the event but he picked things up in the biking and running and crossed the line in two and-a-half hours. Reed came in about 10 minutes later. She said afterward that she was thrilled to finish so well in her first triathlon.

Another area resident who set out to win the event was Daniel Silverstein of Shavertown. Even though he didn't cross the line first he was pleased with his time and said that he had a lot of smaller battles to win. "There were eight people from my office in the event and I had a friend from Canada

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THE FAIR

Fun, competition starts today at the fairgrounds

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Do perfectly-baked apple pies start your mouth watering? Does the sight of a prize-winning Holstein make your heart beat fast? Or, maybe you get chills at the thought of riding to the top of a Ferris wheel. Whatever your favorite, you'll find it all at the Luzerne County Fair beginning today.

As events go on through Sunday, volunteer workers from all over the area will be doing all they can to make sure the 28th annual event is a success.

Some of the biggest attractions at the fair are the exhibits and animals entered by county 4-H members. Donna Grey, who is in charge of the 4-H exhibits, said that this part of the fair is continuing to grow in size and popularity.

"The general public really enjoys the animals and the kids who take part in the fair really get excited," said Grey. She said that some kids prepare the whole year for the fair and that the ribbons and monetary awards "...really

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make their day."

Another popular event at the fair is the family portion which will take place Sunday. Kids will be able to take part in egg toss and egg relay competitions. They also will have sack races, bubble gum blowing competitions and crafts, according to Norma Leandri, who is in charge of the events.

"The kids seemed to really enjoy things last year so we decided to have the events this year and we will be giving out prizes for everyone who participates," said Leandri.

Many area organizations get involved with the fair and spend a lot of time helping out. One group is the Lake Silkworth Lion's Club which will be helping out at the gates. While the men are working, the Lake Silkworth Lionesses' will be manning a brand new stand along

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Harveys Lake begins weekly recycling

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Residents of Harveys Lake can get rid of recyclable materials every Saturday now that the borough has begun a weekly recycling program.

The program, which began last month, allows residents to bring their recyclable material to a dumpster across from the borough building each Saturday morning.

David Abod, who is in charge of the project, says that things are starting off slow but feels it will pick up. "Right now it really hasn't taken off but we expect to get a lot of stuff within the next month," said Abod.

His optimism is attributed to an agreement with Lackawanna County in which the borough can take glass, plastic jugs, aluminum, and newspaper to be recycled.

"Right now it is an inconvenience for people to separate every-

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BACK MOUNTAIN WATER COMMISSION - Thurs., Sept. 6, 8 PM, Kingston Twp. Municipal Bldg.
DALLAS SCHOOL BOARD - Mon., Sept. 10, 8 PM, Administration Bldg., Church St.
JACKSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - Mon., Sept. 10, 7 PM, Jackson Fire Hall
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Wed., Sept. 12, 8 PM, Kingston Twp. Municipal Bldg.
LAKE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Sat., Sept. 8, 9 AM, Lake Twp. Municipal Bldg., Route 29, North
LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL BOARD - Tues., Sept. 11, 8 PM, Lake-Noxen Elementary School cafeteria
LEHMAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Mon., Sept. 10, 8 PM, Lehman Twp. Municipal Bldg.