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## Trainer's tough on pets, people

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
Post Staff

**LEHMAN** - Five-year-old Brent Antolic sat on the curb behind Lake-Lehman High School while his mom, Theresa, practiced a "Heel and Go" exercise with their dog, a black Border Collie named Diamond.

"Some dogs are good and some bad," explained Brent, who firmly believes his dog is the cutest one taking Nikki Banfield's dog obedience class.

Although Brent and his mother live in Nanticoke, they drive out to Lehman because Banfield has a reputation.

She is tough, but not mean; strict but not tyrannical and it's obvious she loves dogs and earnestly wants to help their owners. Bottom line, she gets results.

*"I don't allow the dogs to be sloppy. I demand perfection."*  
Nikki Banfield  
Dog trainer

Banfield, of Dallas, is a veterinarian technician at Dr. Brock Phillips's office in Dallas and she is currently studying to be a veterinarian at the University of Scranton.

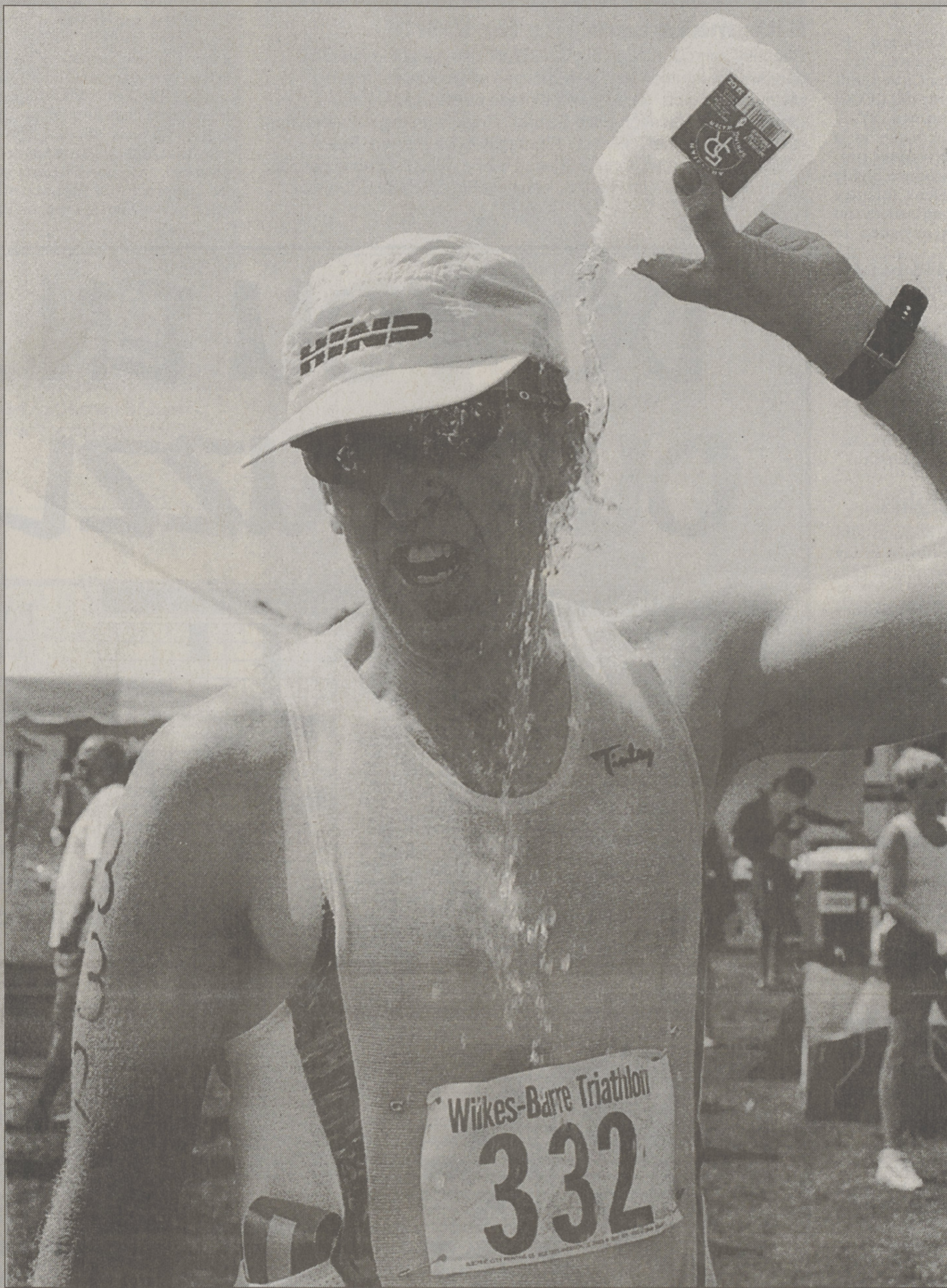
She has been training dogs for 20 years. Banfield works on a variety of levels. She teaches puppy rearing, beginning and advanced training, and more serious training for competitions.

For Banfield, this is all she ever really wanted to do. Starting out with her own family pets, she went on to read books and attend seminars on the subject. "With each pet you own and train you understand how to train dogs," explained Banfield, who owns a Rotweiler and two German shepherds.

After being discharged from the army, Banfield stayed at her post in Germany and ran her own business training dogs for seven years before returning to Dallas two years ago.

Banfield said her military experience definitely influences her style of training. "Being in the military is a very structured life. I think that philosophy is a good one," she said. "I don't allow the

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## Cool finish

Dave Mariner of Shavertown cooled down after finishing the Wilkes-Barre Triathlon Sunday morning. It was his 10th time in the race. He finished 15th out of 28 amateurs in the male age 40-44 bracket. More photos, including the before photo of Dave, on the sports pages, along with Back Mountain racers' results.

## New market likely to replace BiLo

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
Post Staff

**SHAVERTOWN** - Local shoppers are saddened that BiLo Supermarket is leaving its Shavertown location August 20, where it has been for about a year. But a locally owned firm, Thomas Market, hopes to open in the space.

Chris Thomas, a 1985 graduate of Dallas High School, said his family is negotiating to occupy the store. He said if Thomas opens, it will likely hire many of the present employees. Thomas said he expected to make a more complete announcement next week.

Penn Traffic, owner of BiLo Supermarkets and Allen Reischstein, landlord of the Back Mountain Shopping Center, could not reach an agreement on a lease renewal, said Reischstein.

Doris Mingus of Noxen worked at the grocery location for 36 years before retiring last year. She worked with three companies, ACME, Insalaco's and BiLo. "I am very sad they are closing," she said. Mingus is not sure what will happen to her friends and old co-workers, but hopes they get to keep their jobs.

An employee of BiLo who asked not to be identified, said the unionized employees will be placed at other locations based on superiority. Mingus said she's not quite sure where she will shop after the store closes its doors.

Francis Gavigan of Shavertown is disappointed, but is not letting the closing get to her. "If someone else comes, I'll be happy to accommodate them by shopping here," said Gavigan, who has been shopping at the location since it was an ACME.

Sally Brown, also of Shavertown, said, "I'll miss it. I've shopped here for 10 years. It's sad to see it go. With a smaller store like this you really get to know everyone."

## BiLo's parent's business weakening

BiLo, a trade name of the Penn Traffic company of Syracuse, was the third operator of the food store in the Shavertown Shopping Center since the early 1990's. Penn Traffic bought Insalaco's, a family owned chain of stores, just a few years after Insalaco's had taken over the store from the Acme chain. Penn Traffic, a publicly traded company that operates stores under the names BiLo, P&C Markets, Quality Markets, Big Bear, and Big Bear Plus, has struggled financially for several years. The latest Standard & Poor's stock report gives the company's stock a relative strength rating of 16 on a scale of 1 to

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## Crispell family traces roots in America 16 generations

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
Post Staff

**NOXEN** - One of the oldest families in the area celebrated its 87th reunion Saturday. Members of the Crispell family gathered at Dymond's Grove in Noxen to meet, eat and maintain family ties.

For the Crispells, the annual reunion is just as much about connecting with current relatives as it is about remembering the ancestors who helped make up a family history that goes back 16 generations in America.

According to the family history, Antoine Crispell and his wife Maria Blanchan sailed with 12 other families to North America on the "Gilded Otter" ship in 1660. Then called "Huguenots," which were French Protestants of the 16th and 17th century, the Crispells left their native France because of the country's increasingly hostile political and religious climate.

After arriving in New Amsterdam, now Manhattan, the family took an oxcart to Hurley, NY. After Maria Blanchan died in 1679, Crispell married Petronella Dumond. From this marriage came the Crispells most famous family members; United States presidents Theodore and Franklin



POST PHOTO/KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER

Enjoying some good homecooked food at the 87th Crispell family reunion. From left, Nicole Sidorek, Dallas; Ruth Newberry, Letha Schenck, Noxen; Marshall Schenck, Noxen; Keith Schenck, Noxen; and Sally Sidorek, Dallas.

Roosvelt. They are descendants of Antoine Crispell.

The Crispell family built one house in Hurley and two in Kingston, NY. All three homes are still standing.

Knowing this history gives many Crispell descendants a feeling of pride and respect for the freedom of religion in the United States.

"You know who you are and

why you came here. Our ancestors escaped from France from religious persecution. We have no idea how fortunate we have it," said John Crispell, Sr., of Lake Katrine, New York, who believes a strong family system is imperative.

"The family is the foundation of our society. Without maintaining bonds with the past, present and future, our

society will head in the wrong direction."

Lois Post of Forty Fort agrees. Post is the treasurer for the national Crispell Family Association Huguenot Historical Society. "I think we can appreciate how important faith is and the desire to worship God. We can appreciate the desire

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## False alarms costing school district

**DALLAS** - Forgetful coaches and students have set off security alarms throughout the Dallas School District this summer, causing 10 false alarms and costing the district about \$500.

Mark Kraynack, superintendent of buildings and grounds, said he has spoken with coaches and others who use the schools during the summer. He now plans

to charge the person who sets off the alarm the amount it costs the district to have false alarms checked.

Kraynack said district maintenance personnel and the Dallas Township Police check out the schools each time there is an alarm. The maintenance person-

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**American Red Cross blood drive**  
Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1-6 p.m.,  
Daddow-Isaacs  
American Legion, Rt. 415, Dallas.

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