

Sheetz

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my backyard is 'Pump two is now open', he said.

Atty. Ron Lucas, who represents Sheetz said the speakers are not unusual. "Almost every convenience store has them," he said. Representatives from Sheetz had said previously that the speakers would not be excessively loud.

Joan Covaleski said she lives behind the proposed site and dealing with the car wash there is bad enough.

People wash their cars in the middle of the night; she can hear it from her home, and it wakes her up. "There will be a noise issue, because I'm living with it now," Covaleski said.

Herbert Simon said although his property would not be directly affected by the proposed Sheetz store, after attending the meeting at the Shavertown Fire Company on Oct. 26 and after seeing a Sheetz for the first time, he was concerned.

"It seems to me it's a really aggressive kind of design, inappropriate for this region," he said, adding that he couldn't see the

need for yet another gas station on Rte. 309.

Guthrie Cunningham has a farm not far from the proposed site, and his primary concerns are with rampant development. "I would like to see the Back Mountain keep its rural character," he said. "There are more people getting killed on that highway."

Planning Commission Chief Edward Price Jr. said James Balavage, Kingston Township Chief of Police, compiled accident reports from 1996 through 2000. Five accidents were reported at the Pendragon intersection, and Chief Balavage believes the intersection will be safer with the addition of Sheetz because it will lead to better traffic regulation.

Benjamin Jones III, solicitor

for Kingston Twp., brought up the question of lighting. He wanted to know if there was a way to keep the light to a minimum and "not illuminate all of South Pioneer Ave."

"I think noise and lighting in a certain context may fall into a category where they would cre-

and would be shielded from the neighboring properties.

Mike LaCesa, director of real estate for Sheetz, said the majority of the lights would be under canopies over the pumps. "We have no plans to make this brighter than our Wilkes-Barre store," he said. Sheetz stores are

notoriously brightly-lit. LaCesa said this is because the stores are open 24 hours and the light gives late-night customers

a feeling of security. However, he said, it was Sheetz's policy to be a good neighbor, so the company is willing to work with the township and provide a lighting plan. Lucas also agreed to have Sheetz representatives meet with Kingston Township Engineer Christopher Borton.

Price said Sheetz still needs to

"One of the things I don't want to hear when I'm entertaining friends and relatives in my backyard is 'Pump two is now open'."

Wesley neighbor

ate a nuisance," Jones said. He recalled a car dealership at the site with lights so bright they disturbed surrounding residents.

"I think there's a feeling in the township that they don't want a repeat of that," he said.

Lucas said the lights would be angled inward and downward

Birthday

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native of Austria, who came to Wyoming Valley and founded Shavertown in 1813.

"During World Wars I and II, Shavertown was truly a one-horse town," she said. "The road to Harveys Lake was just dirt."

"I remember the Old Ben Franklin five and 10 cent store and the town had a hotel back then."

Mrs. Shaver worked in a grocery store on Main Street in Shavertown, and later at a dry cleaning store.

Her husband was a barber. "We were here to welcome all of the new residents as they came from the valley to the country after the war," she said.

When asked about her age, she said,

"I laugh in the face of age. My secret was hard work, although I don't do much of that anymore. Now they take care of me here."

Happy Birthday ladies. You have more than earned a relaxing retirement.

Penguins

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Stephanie Titus, Eddie Coulter and Cody Kenger welcome Penguins with a poster.



Student Ryan Duddy and Lauren O'Neill are pictured with, from left, Tom Grace, Darcy Verot, Brendan Buckley and Alex Mathieu.

Wycallis Elementary School Academic Stars of the second marking period are pictured above with members of the Penguin's organization including Tux, their mascot. From left, front row; Mallory Kern, Diana Smith, Alexandria Napierkowski, Hannah Grube, Heather Mines, Tara Dombzalski, John Scafidi, Kevin Pierce, and Alex Slocum. Second row; Kristen O'Brien, Jill Jackson, Molly Gilligan, Abby Mulhern, Preston Balavage, Eric Tucker, Patrick Healey, Joshua Shaver, Joseph Kaiser, Tim Ropel, Kristina Toussaint and Kathleen McCarthy, principal. Back row; Tom Grace, Alex Mathieu, Brendan Buckley and Darcy Verot. Absent from photo; Katrina Heintz.

Safari

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It's also an opportunity for family and friends to get together to celebrate special events or just relax and enjoy each other's company.

Beginning next week, we will bring you the first installment of our restaurant safari series. We will outline several factors that will help you decide which restaurants you want to try, if you haven't already, or which ones you would like to return to for a night out. We will look at location, types of food, atmosphere, the restaurant's ability to host large gatherings, and their capacity to provide catering services. We'll tell you about the owner and some history surrounding the founding and operation of the restaurant.

Because many of us are more conscious these days about what we eat (and chocolate is really not a food group), we will describe some entree selections, specialty items and health smart

offerings. We will search their menus for foods that are low in fat and calories.

We'll tell you if they are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and give you some price ranges of entrees. We hope to discover and report on those places where you can feed a family of four for a reasonable amount of money.

And for your added convenience, we'll let you know if reservations are required and if they can package your favorite treats to take home to enjoy.

Then the next time someone says your three favorite words, "let's eat out," you will be more informed about dining establishments in our beautiful Back Mountain area and perhaps select and enjoy fine food from a restaurant in your own backyard.

For the first taste of this series, turn to page 3, where diners will enjoy a night out at the Overbrook Inn.



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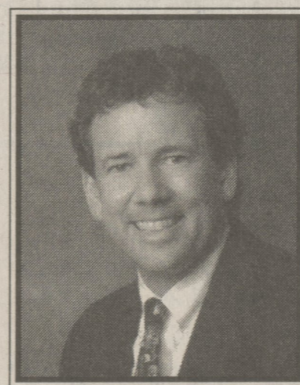


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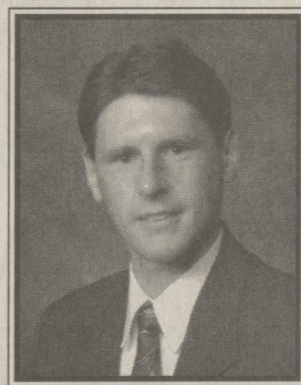
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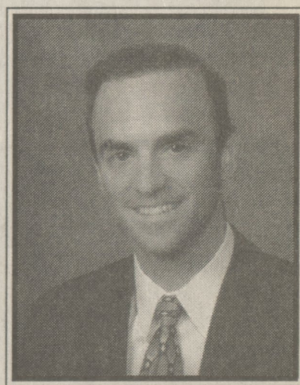
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