

RUMORS

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that have been with us since day one," Boylan said. "A year later, they are still showing up on a regular basis. They've kind of taken us in and made us feel like part of the community. I can't say how much that means to not only the restaurant, but to my family and me. We've made some really great new friends."

"The plans are to keep attempting to move forward, changing and doing whatever we have to do without sacrificing quality to make the dining experience fun and affordable," Boylan said.

Bill Kammerer, who opened the former CuVenee in the Dallas Shopping Center along with his wife, Christine Mazza-Kammerer, on December 1, 2007, says he also dealt with rumors of closing long before the couple shut down their business on October 4.

CuVenee experienced much success during the first few



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The CuVenee Restaurant & Bar in the Dallas Shopping Center recently closed its doors. Its owners had been dogged for several months before it closed by rumors that the restaurant was going out of business.

months it was open. Kammerer says he and his staff frequently turned people away in the winter season because every table and every seat at the bar were full. The business held christenings, showers and even wine dinners.

"Our first few months were actually fantastic," Kammerer said. "Business was great. Come around June and the summer months, it slowed down as expected. That's when the rumors started that we were closing. There was even a date. We didn't

think about going out of business until two weeks before we did. It's something I didn't foresee."

Kammerer says he tracked the rumors to a local restaurant owner who said there was a misunderstanding because of a "For Lease" sign in a neighboring window to CuVenee. But the rumors didn't cease.

A combination of the rumors and a poor economy forced the Kammerers to close CuVenee.

"It's really become impossible to maintain a small local restaurant," Kammerer said. "I would never do it again."

Kammerer now works at Ruth's Chris Steak House at Morigan Sun. He and his wife are

"One of our biggest challenges has been for the past several months, we've been fighting this terrible rumor that we're going to close. I've never experienced anything like this."

Kevin Boylan
Thirty-One Lake Street

expecting their first child, a girl, in December.

Dominic's On The Lake at Harveys Lake closed on September 5 after owner Dominic Castrignano could not get a bank to refinance his loan.

"We had done close to \$1,000,000 in renovations," Castrignano said. "Our first year in

business was very good. The renovations were done by private investors along with my own capital. The banks at the time told us they would refinance us in the spring of '08 once we had the new appraisals done. But no bank would refinance it."

Castrignano opened Dominic's On The Lake, the former Da-

mien's, in March 2007. He feels the sluggish economy contributed to the downfall of his restaurant because banks aren't lending money as easily. Also, many of his former customers have been hit hard not only by the economy, but by Luzerne County's property tax reassessment.

"The hardest hit area was the Harveys Lake area which put a huge burden on the restaurant, not only because people didn't want to drive to Harveys Lake, but because even people in Harveys Lake didn't go out to dinner," Castrignano said.

Castrignano hopes to re-open his restaurant if he can obtain a loan.

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