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40th annual auction raises more than ever

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

Intermittent showers once more plagued the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, but again it couldn't dampen the spirit of the 40th annual event.

For the second consecutive year, rainy conditions became part of the affair. But in spite of the elements, library officials termed the auction a success.

"We were basically pleased with the results," said auction chairman Dr. John Shaskas. "Despite the rain, we had good turnouts. We went an extra day this time and we wound up grossing about \$20,000 more than the year before. Plus, I think the publicity for this year's auction helped a lot."

Billboard advertisements had been located near the Odyssey Fitness Center in Wilkes-Barre, on

River Street by the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and at the overpass by the Ranchwagon Drive-in on Route 309 in Dallas.

"We had people there from Massachusetts, Illinois and Indiana. And, on one of the nights, we had the biggest crowd we ever had in the 40 years we have been having the event."

The auction, which ran from July 9-13, and which makes up about one-third of the Library's annual budget, was comprised of about 4,000 new, used and antique items. In addition, the auction pulled in another \$3,000 from the \$5 raffle tickets for a 1986 Chevy S-10, 4x4 Blazer, won by Francis McManus Jr. of Harveys Lake.

Shaskas, who has been affiliated with the auction for five years, will relinquish his position next year to Debbie Dinger who will become chairman of the event.



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Auction fun

The annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction is not just for big people, but for children as well. Here, those who attended the Children's Auction Saturday morning bid on some

items they feel they'd like to have. The auction as a whole, despite some severe inclement weather, proved to be the most successful yet, raising nearly \$20,000 more than last year's event.

Lake man wins Blazer

Francis McManus Jr., of Harveys Lake, was looking to buy a new car. Now he doesn't have to.

McManus, of RD 4, Box 372, Dallas, was the winner of the Chevy S-10 4x4 Blazer raffled off Sunday night at the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

"I couldn't believe it. I never won anything this big in my life," said McManus, who owns the Shell Mini-Market in Dallas. "My wife and I were out recently looking to buy a new car. But they are so expensive."

"We got a call from some lady at the auction Sunday night about 10:30 saying that I won. It was just unbelievable. So my wife and I took a ride down to see if it was true."

McManus said the new vehicle will come in handy, especially in the fall.

"My daughter will be starting at King's College this year, so we needed another car. But I'm not sure how we'll work it out."

McManus said he became involved when he was approached by library officials to sell some tickets at his business. Always willing to help out for such a cause, McManus obliged. But, instead of selling the tickets, although employees did purchase a few, he bought five and sent the stubs right back.

And he's got a Blazer to prove it.

— JOHN HOINSKI

Despite rain, auction atmosphere was festive

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Correspondent

The huge red and white tents sprung up as though overnight reminding one of colored mushrooms covering the grounds behind the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Interspersed here and there with a sky blue canopy, they added a festive air to the long-awaited and long-worked for most important event of the Back Mountain annual events — the 40th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

The appearance of the tents and the clang of the huge bell atop the new barn and auction block announced the day had arrived, Wednesday, July 9, opening day of the 1987 fundraising.

Volunteers worked feverishly to have everything in order before the opening hour. The refreshment stand was open and well-staffed with mouth-watering aromas filling the air. Ice cold lemonade and tasty, hot pizza was waiting for the first customers and the young ladies behind the counter sampled both, rating the beverage and the pizza as a "10."

Antiques were tagged and numbered and in perfect order to go over the block and the odds and ends booth enticingly displayed all sorts of goodies from colorful jewelry to paintings to knick-knacks to wall-hangings, etcetera.

The newly-constructed barn, finished in barn red with the auction block in front of it brought back memories of the many auctions held on Lehman Avenue in front of Howard Risley's barn while the large tents brought to mind old carnival days.

There was a new flavor to this year's auction, a flavor that was reminiscent of grandmother's peppermint candies she

always managed to extract from a hidden pocket but also a flavor of newness, an auction not like any of the past.

The "old" had joined with the "new" to result in something bigger and better than ever.

Wednesday night sounded the keynote to a successful year. The weather was perfect for the opening and the people kept coming — many more than even the most optimistic auction volunteer had imagined. The mood was a cheerful one and people exchanged smiles and greetings with persons they had never seen before.

The children's game booth was doing a thriving business and so were the refreshment stands. The pony rides were a stroke of genius. Kudos to the genius who thought of something different for the children.

Congratulations to the faculty members of the Dallas School District. Their baked goods could be nothing less than a success. Customers came away carrying packages of homemade goodies and just as soon as they did, teachers staffing the booth put out more tempting delights.

There were many familiar faces in their midst — Don Hopkins, Donna Trebilcox, Larry Griffin, Gary Mathers, Larry Schuler, Peggy Schuler, and many, many more of them. They are to be commended for their support of the auction and in the cooperative way in which they all pitched in and helped.

The auctioneers' voices could be heard above the crowd each night. Jim Anzalone auctioned off many items and refused to give up until he got his price for each one. A beautiful pedestal table, a Bristol vase were snapped up by auction-goers.

A seven-day trip for four to Disneyworld, all expenses covered went for \$500.00, a terrific bargain. That was only one of many such bargains that went over the block.

The book booth did an ongoing business,

always crowded with young and old searching for some of their favorite reading from romance to mystery to biographies and all but a very few left with four, six, even a dozen or more books.

Despite intermittent drizzles Friday evening, the people kept coming, slow at first but gradually the crowd picked up. Some came walking, some of the younger ones on bikes, some on motorcycles, a lot in cars moving slowly looking for a vacant parking spot. Each night the side streets were lined with cars parked while the occupants went to the auction.

The word had spread throughout the area that this auction was bigger and better than ever and people who had not been to the auction in years came to see and liked what they saw. Their names need not be mentioned, that isn't important — the fact that they came, like, stayed and spent money is.

As the auction draws to a close and auction-goers and workers leave the grounds, it is too early to know in what amount the auction was successful but successful it was in bringing together the Back Mountain Community, in bringing back the spirit of the days when Howard Risley, Harry Ohlman, Alice Howekk, "Hix" Doctor Sherman Schooley, Herman Thomas, Bert Hill, Joseph McVeigh, Sarah Schmerer and Mrs. Harris Haycox were among the spirited volunteers who dedicated their efforts to raising the necessary support for the library and did it through one of the biggest social events of the year—the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

Our deepest admiration to John R. Shaskas, DVM, who refused to accept "no" for an answer and said "We'll make this auction a fun event but a successful event!" and he did. He started on the road and never looked back. To Shaskas and his volunteers "Congratulations!"

Dallas Board will seek Middle School principal

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

The Dallas School Board, at its monthly meeting Monday night, announced it will advertise for a middle school principal this week.

Money had been appropriated for the position by the board last month when the budget for the upcoming year was passed.

In other business, the School Board:

— recommended that a resolution be adopted to permit the Dallas School District to enter into a cooperative participation with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 for the instructional Math-Science improvement Grant in the amount of \$878,000.

— Recommended that a resolution be adopted to permit four adminis-

trators to attend the twenty-third Annual P.D.E. Curriculum and Instruction Conference, sponsored by the Department of Education at Shippensburg University July 22-25 at the approximate cost of \$90.00 plus mileage.

— Recommended that a resolution be adopted to accept the resignation of Mr. Louis R. Bobeck, custodian, for retirement purposes.

— Recommended that a resolution be adopted to approve Mrs. Florence Gauthier, Mrs. Joyce Youren, Mrs. Margaret Collett and Mrs. Lucille Callahan for their services in the kindergarten screening program for the 1986-87 school year.

— Recommended that a resolution be adopted to appoint Mr. John F. Gager as a member of the Citizens' Advisory Council.



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Learning to quilt

Jan Molesky of Carverton demonstrates quilting to Nicole Hall, who is holding a 3-D quilted picture done by Jan. (Story, page 4)

Supervisors approve ordinance reading

By JOHN HOINSKI
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The Kingston Township Board of supervisors at their monthly meeting last week, approved the first reading of an Alcohol Consumption Ordinance, prohibiting the use of

alcoholic beverages in public places throughout the township.

The ordinance, which will go into effect upon the second reading at the township's August meeting, is aimed at cutting down on beer parties and littering that has been on the increase.

"The biggest problem has been on

Carverton Road at Francis Slocum State Park near the boat launch ramp," township manager Fred Potzer said. "You get guys 22, 23, 24 years old and they sit in the lot and drink beer. Then they throw their bottles and cans around and the

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Trucksville man found

A Trucksville man reported missing since last Friday night has been found in Allentown.

John Konopki, 48, of 318 Terrace Avenue, Trucksville, was found Monday morning at the Allentown Osteopathic Hospital. Although details are sketchy as to how he arrived there, a hospital spokeswoman confirmed that he has been admitted, but did not say for how long he would remain a patient there.

According to Kingston Township Police, hospital personnel said they found the phone number of an Allen-

town relative in Konopki's pocket when he arrived at the hospital. The state police were then called in and notified family members.

Konopki had been shopping at the Triangle Building Center in Wilkes-Barre with his son last Friday night when he suddenly vanished. Konopki, who had surgery performed on his head and who is paralyzed on his right side, was on medication and reportedly had a tendency to become incoherent without that medication.

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