

Back Mountain Library auction nets \$50,000

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Volunteers of this year's Back Mountain Library Auction were delighted to hear that this year's event was successful in raising \$71,000.

"I was really pleased," said the 1990 Auction Chairperson Connie Scott. "I didn't know how we made out because at one point the bids did not seem to be as high as they had been in the past years. I guess there was more bidding and higher bidding than I heard."

"It's the people who attended the auction who helped make it a success," Connie Scott continued. "There were a lot of new people involved and many of the faithful ones from every year."

Scott said she believes it is good to have new people involved, that they bring new ideas with them. "We can keep tradition but make changes at the same time."

"Most of the bills for the auction

are paid and we have netted about \$50,000, but the auction in itself is not enough to pay all the expenses of the library. They keep going up every year."

Scott pointed out that as the communities have grown so has the number of people using the services of the Back Mountain Library. The circulation has grown tremendously and she said it is time to think of other community events to supplement the auction.

"It would be nice if people in the community would come forward with new ideas, some just one-time events," she said. "The bottom line is that the auction was successful but everyone is welcome to share their ideas for other ways to help raise money for the library."

Scott pointed out that the building, increased circulation, the need for new books, and the other services continually being provided by the library keeps increasing annually.

Comm Center

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paramedics.

Sabol again argued this point. "We talked to a lot of people in trying to decide what to do and I think we have done the best thing."

Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers noted that the communication center would not be dispatching a paramedic all the time. "We are not going to dispatch with every call; only those calls that meet the criteria," said Miers, who is also a member of the board.

The board's solicitor, Theodore Krull, said that he felt that the two opposing sides had to sit down and figure out which direction to go. "It's my gut reaction that both sides want the same objective but each is going their own direction," said Krull.

Dodson agreed with that assessment. "I'm not saying we are against it," Dodson told the board. "What I'm saying is that once we get started into a project everyone should be included in its decision."

Dallas Fire Chief Ted Wright agreed, but when he went to voice his opposition, Sabol cut in and began to criticize Wright for an incident involving a phone call to the center. Wright then began to argue with Sabol about proper chain of command and the two began a shouting match that was stopped when another board member stepped in and quieted the two.

Tensions remained high during the meeting as the subject of radio frequency was discussed. Dodson asked the board about ownership of the license for the fire radio frequency. The license is listed under the Dallas Fire Company and the frequency is only allowed

to be used by the fire companies.

Despite ownership by the Dallas Fire Company, Sabol said that the board is looking at getting a municipalities frequency license which would allow others to use the frequency. "I feel like you are threatening us with this license," Sabol told Dodson. "I feel like you are threatening to pull out the license if we don't do things your way."

In interviews after the meeting both Dodson and Wright said they felt things would go better at the center if there were more communications. "The Communication Center is for all the people in the Back Mountain and it should be a combined effort to make it work as well as possible," said Dodson. "We don't need one man trying to run the show."

Sabol said he felt things will work with the new system. "It is not a full simultaneous dispatch. First we call the ambulance and if a paramedic is needed then we call them," he said.

The arguments going on around the center may be having an effect on its operations. Sabol announced at the meeting that the center will not be hiring a new chief dispatcher. The board had been looking for a new chief dispatcher and after interviewing six candidates the board offered the job to their top selection. However Sabol said the person turned down the job citing "too many politics at the center."

At the end of last week's meeting Sabol apologized for some of his actions. "If I offended anyone I am sorry, but I am a little high-strung about this," he said. "But I feel it is best for everyone."

Dispatch

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is more to it than whether a person lives or dies, it also deals with a quality of life and how long it takes to get that person back to a quality of life they can live with."

Campos said that the whole idea behind simultaneous dispatching is to reduce the time for advanced crews to respond. He stressed that the ambulance crews are a very necessary part of the emergency system but says that simultaneous dispatching can help everyone.

According to EMS there are a number of items that separate an advanced life support unit from a basic life support unit. However, the three biggest differences are the level of training, type of equipment available and the skills the crews are able to perform.

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WAR GAMES - Sgt. Michael Newell, a former Dallas resident, above, as he took part in the competitive War Games while on the West Coast. (Photo contributed)

Newells' son called to action in Saudi Arabia

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Most people would object to receiving a telephone call at 3:00 a.m., but Janice Newell of Dallas was pleased this week. The call came from her son, Sgt. Michael Newell, who called to say that he was 'Okay,' and gave her a number to call in Saudi Arabia where he had been sent with other U.S. servicemen.

Newell and his family had recently visited his parents, Harold and Janice Newell, for the first time in two years on a two-weeks leave. He wanted to be home to celebrate his birthday with his older brother Mack. Mack's birthday is August 4 and Michael's August 8.

Before Newell was on leave, he spent three weeks in the desert in 120-130 degrees temperature.

While visiting his parents and brother, Newell, an area supervisor with the Ninth Special Police Squadron, said he didn't think he would have to go to the Mideast. He was surprised when he returned home and the day he reported back was told he was shipping out that day. Newell had time only to pack his gear, tell his wife and notify his parents before he shipped out August 14.

"That was the last we heard from him until Sunday's message on the answering machine," said his mother. "His wife has returned to North Dakota with their son where she will stay with her family for the time being."

"Michael has had more training in the last seven years than most men who have been in 20 years. He has guarded missiles and similar

equipment and was also trained for S.W.A.T. He was also chosen to take part in Washington State competition for the War Games," Janice Newell explained.

"The most encouraging news we had was his message we received Sunday. At least we knew he was safe at that time."

"There's a seven hour difference in time between here and the Mideast, so it was 10 a.m. in Saudi Arabia when Michael called," Janice Newell said. "We had gone to bed so I put on the answering machine. I didn't hear the phone ring but he left a three-minute message telling me that he was doing all right."

Sgt. Newell graduated from Dallas Senior High School in 1983 when he was 17 years of age. He spent a year working at Native Textiles until he decided he would enlist in the Air Force as a career serviceman.

He did his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas after enlisting October 19, 1984. While in the Air Force he met the girl he married while he was in North Dakota.

Sgt. Newell and his wife then moved to California where he was stationed at the Air Force Base in Beale, California. Later he was sent to Belgium for a tour of duty.

When he and his wife returned to the United States, they expected to be stationed at California for four or five years so decided to have their first child, a boy Michael, Jr. Now, like thousands of others, Sgt. Newell's family anxiously waits for word on events on the other side of the world.

Dallas High to be ready for opening day

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Superintendent Gerald Wycallis told board members at the Dallas School District meeting August 14 that the high school construction project should be completed to the point where the first day of school will not be delayed.

"The floors, doors and windows should be done this week," Wycallis said. "And the library should be completed by August 20. The chemistry lab equipment is to be in September 3 and it takes three days to put the tables together."

Wycallis said there had been some concern with the floor finishing and the contractor was redoing the floors.

"The physics labs should have

the new tops put on the tables this week. If there are any changes board members will be notified," Wycallis stated. "There will be a special meeting to make some personnel appointments."

Board member Ellen Nagy said she would like to pursue looking up specifications for the tennis court remodeling and have it put out on bid. Wycallis said he would have maintenance personnel look for past specifications and business manager Charlotte Williams would make up the bid requests.

The board approved the appointment of Carol Wink of Overbrook Road, Dallas, as building secretary at Westmoreland Elementary, to replace Millie Robinson, who transferred to a position at Dallas Elementary School due to the re-

irement of Mrs. George.

Mollie Phillips, RD 3, Franklin Township, was appointed to replace Anne Morgan as payroll clerk. Mrs. Morgan will retire in September.

In other business, board members:

• Approved the salaries of the professional employees of the Dallas School District for the 1990-91 contract year which averages 8 percent with salaries ranging from \$22,265 to \$43,675, with 56 earning more than \$43,000 annually; 30 earning \$40,000 to \$43,000 annually; 40 earning \$30,000 to \$40,000 annually; and 20 earning \$20,000 to \$29,000 annually.

Lake homeowner has until September to hook up sewer

A Harveys Lake homeowner has until September 30 to connect to the borough's sewer system or he will have to pay fines in excess of \$2,000.

At a hearing before District Justice Earl Gregory on Monday, Durwood Miller, of the Alderson Section of the lake, pleaded guilty of violating the borough's ordinance by not connecting to the sewer system.

Miller, who reportedly lived at the residence for 30 years, was told to make the connection by September 30 or he will be fined

\$15 a day and the fine will be prorated back to April.

If Miller does not connect, the borough will do the work for him and bill him for the cost.

Sewer Manager Richard Boice said he was pleased with the outcome of the hearing. "It is quite obvious that he doesn't have much choice but to connect," said Boice.

Boice also added that the borough is continuing its efforts to make sure all residents who must be connected to the sewer system are connected.

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