

Auction

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Crump's Book Booth plugged large fans into their lighting systems.

"We had a wonderful weekend and set a new record in book sales - \$4,600!" said book booth co-chairman Benedicta "Bennie" Matchett.

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The heat may have slowed the bidding, but it certainly helped Newberry's Pies, which had sold out of Snapple - even the diet stuff - twice by 9 p.m. Thursday.

Sev Newberry said that he had already cleaned Tup's Beverage Barn out of the tasty drink and planned to appropriate as much of Tup's weekend shipment as possible Friday morning.

"I nearly passed out from the heat bringing the second load back up the hill," Newberry said. "I had to sit in the car for awhile to cool off."

In the true spirit of recycling, the Newberrys asked their customers to take empty Snapple bottles to the Girl Scouts' Sand Art booth, where the girls had begun to run low on different sizes of bottles.

"I'm very glad people are bringing us bottles. We've had quite a run on the Sand Art projects, and it's only the first night of the auction," said Cadette-Senior Troop 622 leader Jamie Kozemko, who coordinated Girl Scouts from Back Mountain Neighborhoods 24 and 25 to man the service project.

Although Thursday night's bidding was a bit slow, with a month of karate lessons with Gary Michak going for \$10, it was a different story Sunday night.

Shavertown resident William Gately bid spiritedly on a variety of items until the auctioneers had his number, 391, memorized.

"I do this every year," he said. "I'm trying to get some life into the bidding and help generate some money for the library. It isn't how much you spend - it's what you're spending it for."

When asked what he had bought so far, he joked, "Everything from soup to nuts."

Gately's purchases included a hand-carved wooden neck yoke, a gift certificate from Camelot Car Care and "a bucket of stuff."

"I may have to put an addition on my house to handle everything," he wisecracked.

George Bauman of Dallas was pleased with the utility light, a \$32 value, which he

bought over the block for \$22.

"I've wanted one of these for a long time," he said. Bauman plans to use it in his home workshop, where he does wood and electrical work.

Amid the bidding, a trio of basset hounds and their owner, all attired in matching Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction T-shirts, strolled around the grounds.

Moonshine, Champion Stardust and Mr. Sandman enjoyed the company and the chance to sniff new smells, said owner Norrie Crinnion, who breeds and shows the dogs.

Back on the bidding floor, Trucksville resident Carol Hadsall happily snagged a primitive grain measure decorated with several sprigs of eucalyptus for \$35.

"You'll love it," she told her husband, Bruce. They plan to display it in their family room.

Jim and Carol Holton of Dallas Township were pleased with the two pairs of 27 by 29-inch mint-condition leaded glass windows, complete with brass hardware, which they bought for \$120.

"I'm making a cabinet in our dressing area to house my tie collection," Holton said. "These will make great doors for it."

Holton knew that he had a real bargain because he had recently been given a price of \$300 to have another glass panel made.

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William Gately, Shavertown, explaining his bidding spree Sunday night

"The pattern wasn't as complex as these windows, and it wasn't as well-made," he said.

The Dallas Federated Women's Club's fresh fudge and the Welsh cookies made by the Women of Kiwanis were also big hits. Made on a griddle at the auction, the Welsh cookies went "like hotcakes," according to Joan Martin.

After having sold out of fudge several times last year, the Dallas Federated Women were ready with extra supplies of the popular confection. "We were mobbed," said Marsha Landis.

Whether it was snacking, bidding, shopping at the stands, people-watching or chatting with friends and neighbors while sipping cool drinks, auction visitors enjoyed a special weekend, one of the largest events of its kind in the Northeast.



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LENDING A HAND - Marine Reservists Sgt. Richard Helminiak on the truck and Cpl. John Babish, Sgt. Michael Sadowski and Sgt. Tammy Fullmer load boxes of auction goods onto their truck to move them to the proper booths for the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

Library brought in the Marines to help set up

If it hadn't been for the Marines, auction organizers would have had a tougher time setting up the library grounds for the four-day event.

Marine Reserve Sergeants Michael Sadowski, Richard Helminiak and Tammy Fullmer and Corporal John Babish, attached to Marine Wing Support Squadron 473, Detachment Bravo, in Wyoming, appeared early Tuesday morning, July 6, to move tables, bushels of books and countless items from storage in the library's basement to the booths where they would be set up for sale.

Stopping only for an occasional cool drink, the Marines barely wrinkled their crisply starched fatigues in the muggy heat, making short work of the mammoth job of moving auction items.

"It's fun to get out in the community like this," Babish said.

"We have worked on many community projects, but this is our first library," Helminiak said. "Mostly we wear our dress blues to march in parades or appear as honor guards for funerals. This is great - the Back Mountain community has been very receptive to us."

"These people are real life-savers," said Sybil Pelton as her committee set up the Odds 'n Ends booth. "They carried all of the heavy tables up to the basement for us."

"What a wonderful group!" said auction advisor Pauline Kutz. "They're fantastic! When we asked for their help, they said without hesitation that they would be here."

Helminiak said that Detachment Bravo, primarily an engineering unit, builds parks and recreation areas as community service projects and opportunities to train its personnel in heavy equipment operation and maintenance.

by Grace R. Dove

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