

## New items, jewelry to a bowling ball

New goods will be featured both for sale across the block and at a special silent auction this year. Bidders in the silent auction will be able to bid in writing on a wide variety of gift certificates from area businesses during the four days of the regular auction.

At the conclusion of the auction July 10, the highest bidder for each item of the silent auction will be announced.

"This will help to keep the regular auction lively, and it will be fun to see who makes the winning bids in the silent auction," said committee chairman Peggy Harvey, who has been hard at work with co-chairman Paula Scott organizing goodies for the auction.

Among the many area merchants donating gift certificates are Mr. Z's, Crolio Pizza, Shear Magic, the Acropolis Restaurant, Minotti's Subs, Mark II Family Restaurant, Bonanza Steak House, Joe's Paying and Ann Marie's Guerrieri Hair Styles.

One gymnastics session at Back Mountain Dance Studio, a very nice Laessle man's watch from Oscar Roth Jewelers, a Kremenitz gold overlay necklace also from Oscar Roth Jewelers, a month at the Odyssey Fitness Center and a bowling ball from Back Mountain Bowling will also be chanced off.

A special new item for sale across the block will be an eight-piece set of Waterford crystal water goblets in the "Alana" pattern, donated by Frank Clark Jewelers.



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Peggy Harvey shows off a set of finger puppets on a theater stand, one of many new goods to be sold at the auction.

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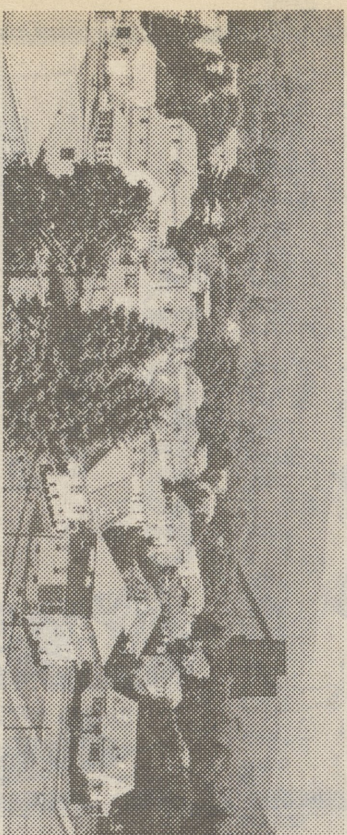
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Amid the excitement of the booths, bidding and other auction activities, visitors may have noticed the simple wood-burned sign hanging on a column of the auction block.

"The Gary Foltz Auction Block," it says.

Who is Gary Foltz?  
Around 1986, auction committee members needed someone to build a set of platforms for the auction at the library's new quarters at the former Dallas Borough High School.

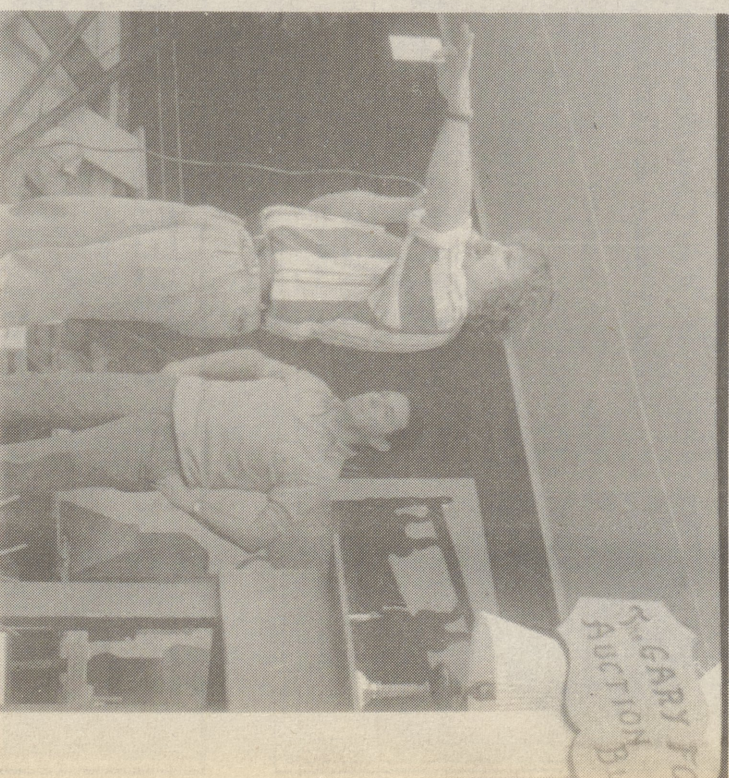
Chairman John Shaakas nominated his friend, free-lance contractor Gary Foltz of Harvey's Lake, for the job.

Foltz's design for the platforms grew into an entire building with year-round secure storage for the antiques and auction equipment.

"The first auctions had been held at Howard Risley's barn on Lehman Ave.," Foltz said. "In designing and building the new block, I wanted to keep that same barn-type look while providing an enclosed bidding and storage area."

Foltz donated the labor and materials for the block, which took about a year to finish.

He did such a good job that he was asked to design and build the Rotary's food booth in 1988, a permanent building housing cooking and food storage facilities, where the world-famous Rotary Ham 'n Cheese on Rye and the Auction Burger are made for four



POST FILE PHOTO  
Dave Spurlin took the bids in this photo from the 1990 auction. He is standing on the block built by Gary Foltz, and bearing his name in the sign at right.

days each year.

A Virginia native, Foltz met his wife, Mary, while they were both showing Tennessee walking horses there. They settled in the Back Mountain, where she had grown up.

As a free-lance contractor, Foltz builds or renovates private homes in Lehman, Dallas and Wyoming Valley. They have two children, Jason 13, and Lindsay, 10, and live a Harvey's Lake.

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