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Bringing them in

Publicity for this year's auction was handled by Jean Hilliard, left, and Charlotte Bartizek.

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Vendors

According to chairman Peggy Dwinchick, kids will enjoy a variety of goods from area vendors, including a Girl Scout Sand Art booth, the perfect hot weather snack of Slush Puppies and a game featuring prizes of hermit crabs (great pets - you don't have to walk or housebreak them). Moms and dads will be able to take advantage of a booth offering ID photos of children, run by area Girl Scouts, while Lois Noble will teach young people to make dreamcatchers. Other vendors include the ever-popular Hillside Farms ice cream truck, Bob Rice's incomparable fresh lemonade, Newberry's taste-tempting pies and Marie Nice's mouth-watering potato pancakes and homemade pierogies. Other booths will feature dried flowers and lollipops.

60,000 items, 11,000 borrowers

Did you know that the Back Mountain Memorial Library

- Opened in October, 1945, in an old home on Main Street with 5,000 books, 2,000 of which were lent by the state.
- This year is its 50th anniversary.
- Ended its first year of operation with 880 card-holders and more than 10,000 books.
- Once served five Back Mountain high schools, two consolidated elementary schools and 18 one-room schoolhouses.
- Presently carries a total inventory of 61,493 items, including books, magazines, records, CD's, audiocassettes, eight newspapers including *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and videotapes.
- Can access books, magazines and other materials from any Luzerne County library through its two computers.
- Can obtain books, magazines and other materials from libraries throughout Pennsylvania through the inter-library loan service.
- Circulates nearly 90,000 items every year.
- Has 11,172 active borrowers.
- Is Luzerne County's fourth largest library.
- Serves nine municipalities comprising the Dallas and Lake-Lehigh school districts, with a population of more than 34,000 people.
- Is assisted in its programs by an army of 47 active volunteers who donated 3,024 hours of service in 1994.
- Will receive state funding of only \$38,481 or 14.7 percent of its total operating budget of approximately \$261,000 this year.
- Will receive only \$4,500 from the nine municipalities which it serves.

Received 25 percent of its budget last year from the auction, one of the oldest events of its kind in the Northeast.

According to head librarian Martha Wheeler, the auction accounts for the most important part of the library's budget. The balance is made up from other fundraising activities, rent from the day care center upstairs and private donations.

- Expects more than 10,000 people to attend the auction, which will offer more than 1,000 items for sale.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library offers a wide range of services to all age groups, including:

- Year-round children's programs: story hour, special observations for Children's Book Week in November, a preschool program, a summer reading program for elementary school students, nature videos, school class visits, materials for literacy programs and student teachers from nearby colleges, children's stories on video and books on cassette that can be read and listened to. The summer reading games has enrolled 200 children this year.
- Adult programs: audiotapes, books on tape, large print books, eight newspapers and videotapes of Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) programs.
- Community outreach program: in conjunction with the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, the library operates a loaner service which provides wheelchairs, crutches, canes and other needs for sick or disabled persons free of charge. The Community Room will be open in the late fall and available to Back Mountain civic organizations for use.

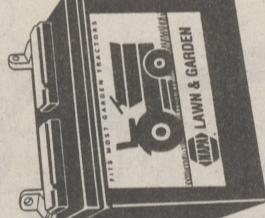
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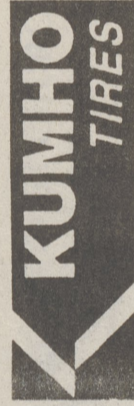


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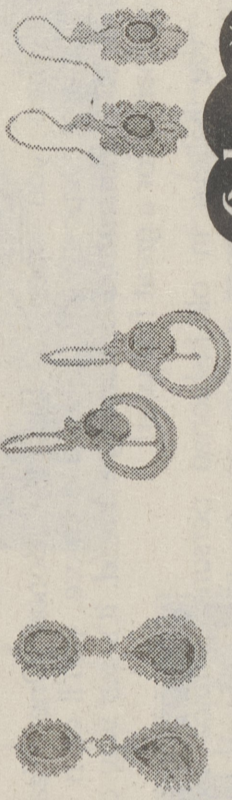


Popular painter

Sue Hand, a nationally-known watercolorist, has produced an original drawing for this year's auction tabloid. More important to the library, she will again paint an original watercolor during the auction, and its sale will be the highlight of Sunday evening. Because 1995 is the library's 50th year, she promises to make this a special, full-panel work incorporating images of its old and new buildings. The original drawing used for this year's cover also will be auctioned. In addition to painting, she operates Sue Hand's Imagery in Dallas with her husband, Joe, where she teaches and has her own and other artists' work on sale. The store also offers custom framing services. Sue Hand is a graduate of Kutztown State College (now Kutztown University) with a degree in art education. She has studied with Don Stone, Charles Reid, Alex Powers, Carlton Plummer and others.

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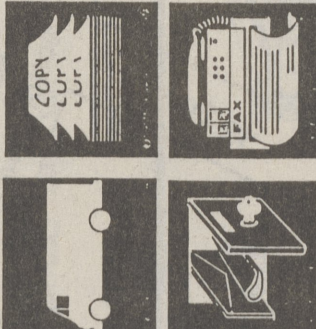
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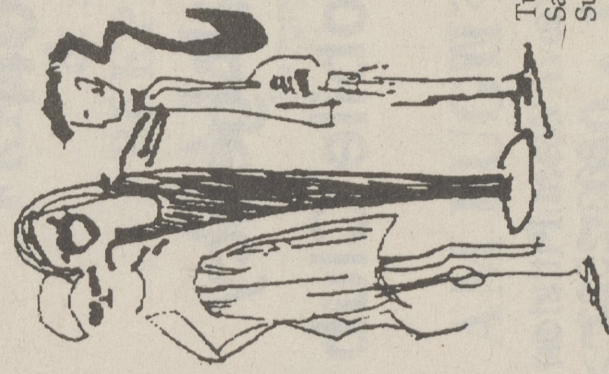
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