



Kim Szulborski snapped a photo of Megan Youells for the Kid's ID booth.



Sumner Bachman, with a sign that must have applied to someone else.



John and Patti Bittner, with their prize, a bear claw ashtay.

50th Annual

Back Mountain Memorial Library

Auction

Large crowds made the 50th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction the most successful in history. For four nights, visitors bid on new and antique items or visited the many booths and vendors set up on the library grounds.

Chairman Ernie Ashbridge didn't have firm figures in time for this issue, but he seemed certain the event broke all previous

records for fund raising.

One of the highlights was a record bid for Sue Hand's original auction painting, which fetched \$2,500 from a group of about 80 individuals and families. The painting was donated to the library and will hang in the new children's wing when it is completed.

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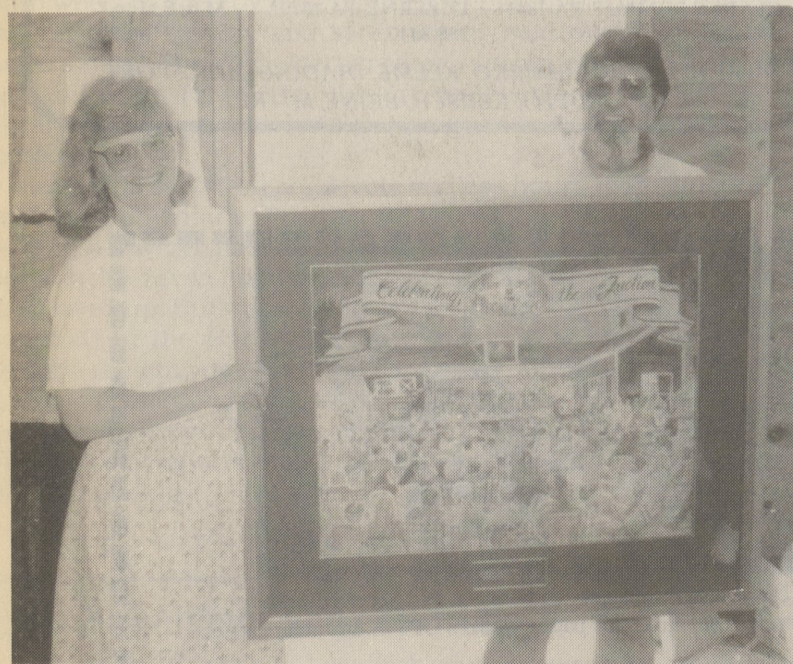
Bill Wennington, center for the Chicago Bulls, visited the auction Friday night. A signed basketball brought \$200, a jersey fetched \$400 and a hat brought \$70 on Saturday.



Steve Traver took a turn on the block, framed by the doors to the antique booth.



Bill Spurlin looked lovely modeling a frilly wedding dress.



Sue and Joe Hand displayed the auction painting.



Carol Oliver looked over the large supply of baskets on sale.



Susan, left, and Marla Pegarella browsed through the Nearly Old booth, searching for bargains.



Kerry Freeman demonstrated an old commode.



Joanne Runner spent the weekend helping schedule antiques onto the block.



George Pyle recorded all the action for a video the library is compiling. At right is Robert Johnson, an Irem Temple strutter who entertained the crowd Friday.