

Auction

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and curiosities going over the block with the usual exquisite collection of antiques. Also, the children's auction will be held Saturday afternoon instead of Saturday morning.

Tetschner said her goal is to keep everything running smoothly. "I hope I can measure up as a chairperson and to the wonderful things the others in the past have done," she said. This is her third year involved with the auction and fifth year on the library's board of directors, on which she has served as president twice.

"It's such an important part of the fundraising and a wonderful community event," said Tetschner, when asked what keeps her coming back. She enjoys the feedback she gets from people who have been coming to the auction for years. Some folks from out of state arrange their vacations around the event.

After a 20-year reign as antiques chairman, Ernest Ashbridge relinquished his title to Karen Boback of Harveys Lake. Although she has big shoes to fill, Boback is enjoying her new role and knows that Ashbridge is always there if she needs him.

"It's such a major challenge. I'm trying to accumulate articles that the public will want to bid on," she said. "If I have a question or concern he (Ashbridge) is just a phone call away. I consider him a mentor and a friend."

Boback spends 15 to 20 hours a week at estate sales, auctions and flea markets looking for and purchasing items that will please the eye and help the library.

A necessary skill is purchasing items that a range of people will like. Although Boback has been collecting antiques for 25 years, she most enjoys Victorian era items and may not know what are desirable pieces for other eras. So, she consults people who collect other antique items, such as primitives or art deco.

This year, in addition to the traditional large pieces of furniture, there will be a good number of "smalls." "Smalls" include items such as magazine racks or small tables.

Boback has been on the library's board for seven years

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Ruth Tetschner
Auction chairperson

and co-chaired the antiques booth with three other women in 1993. She has been visiting the library since high school when her family moved to the Back Mountain from Scranton. "This is a way to give back," she said.

In the New Goods department, chairperson Peggy Harvey, predicts this will be a banner year for the auction. New Goods is in great shape one month before the event. "We have a lot of monetary donations from businesses and no lack of items at all," said Harvey,

who chaired the auction three years ago. Barbara Kohler and Diane Adams are co-chairing the booth.

Many of the items already collected are from the White House and secret service. There are White House Christmas ornaments from 1981-1997, golf jackets, watches, polo shirts and cuff links. "We're really happy to have this stuff," said Harvey.

Also, there are collectible lamps from Ye Clock Shoppe, golf clubs from Huntsville Golf Club and a football signed by Greg Skrepanak of the Carolina Panthers, who lives in the Back Mountain.

Anyone interested in donating items can call the library at 675-1182 and leave a message for Harvey, who can arrange for pickups.

Anyone interested in donating antique, collectibles or curiosities to the antique booth may call Karen Boback at 639-2265.



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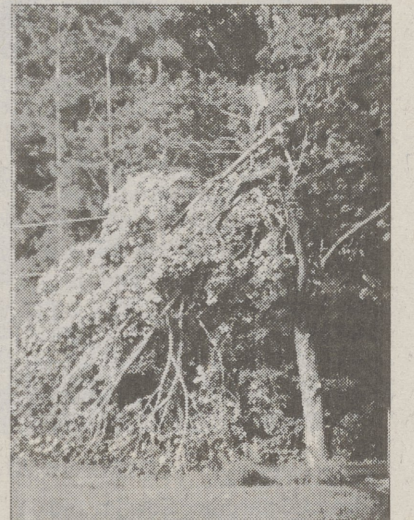
Gloria McCartney held a print she bought at the kickoff dinner and mini-auction. It was the first item sold.



Stormy weather

Storm damage was evident throughout the Back Mountain Monday morning. At left, workmen cut a tree that had fallen on Kevin Winberry's house on Franklin St. "Actually, I feel pretty lucky," he said, since there was little damage. Below, high winds snapped off a tree on Highland Blvd.

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months and the Signatures series was chosen by a 9 to 5 vote.

"We have all the materials in-house to start next year. I'm very comfortable starting a brand new year with a brand new product," Barbose told the board and the small audience.

King said success is enhanced when teachers have become familiar with the program as they have at Dallas.

Michael Speziale, asst. superintendent, said there is, "a lot of research that shows when you separate these subjects, it doesn't make sense (to the student). I think this is a great approach."

Karen Kyle, board member, asked how the program will affect teachers who enjoy teaching one subject at a time.

"The challenge is the teachers. Anybody who has a major change at work has to work through it. The tool the teachers have is a very specific (day-by-day) lesson plan (that is outlined in their manuals)," King told her.

In other business, Speziale discussed the Elementary Water Safety Program with the board. The program will become part of

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Dallas Elementary principal

the third grade wellness and physical education curriculum.

Students will have one class per week for nine weeks at College Misericordia's pool. Misericordia swim team members and lifeguards will assist Christine Neiman with instruction. Speziale said all scheduling and transportation has been taken care of. The classes will be have one and a half hours of instructional time. The district will be charged \$25 per hour by Misericordia.

Speziale also discussed the Senior High Completion Project with the board. The Completion Project was developed two years

ago to stay in compliance with the state board of regulations requirements.

The class of 2000 is in the midst of their projects and will enter their third year with the 1998-1999 school year. It is the law that students will not graduate without completing a project.

The culminating project is to "assure that all students can apply, analyze, synthesize and evaluate information and communicate significant knowledge and understanding."

Students are assigned advisors and encouraged to seek out mentors for help and guidance.

Griffiths said students can do a wide range of projects, including research, musical and demonstrative. One student is rebuilding a car, but also has to complete a written and oral report about what he is doing.

The school board will meet June 8 at 7 p.m. in the administration building.

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