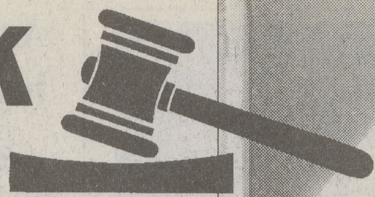


Knock it down



The weather couldn't have been better, but the bidding was hot during last week's 52nd annual Back Mountain Memorial Library auction. Thousands of bidders and browsers visited over four days, with Thursday being the best opening day in memory. Sales over the block totaled about \$52,000.



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The winning bidder, David Fritz with Sue Hand, and the 1998 auction painting.



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Jeff Townsend, right, coaxed just a little more for the painting, which sold for \$2,500. Kerry Freeman spotted, left, as Sue and Joe Hand watched in amazement behind him.



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Robin and Crystal Razawich dug into some of the food booth's best offerings.



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Ruth Tetschner, 1998 auction chairperson, rang the bell to start the action.

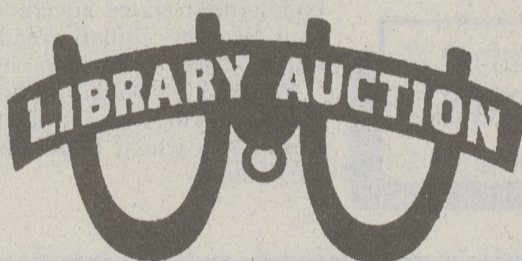


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Dr. Craig Aicher took a break from the auction block to dig into a Hillside ice cream cone.



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Rosemarie Garrity sold chances on a gift basket to Peter Farrell of Harveys Lake.



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Ready to serve, from left, Dallas Lions Dick Calveti, Daniel Vito, Jack Williams and Dave Fitch.

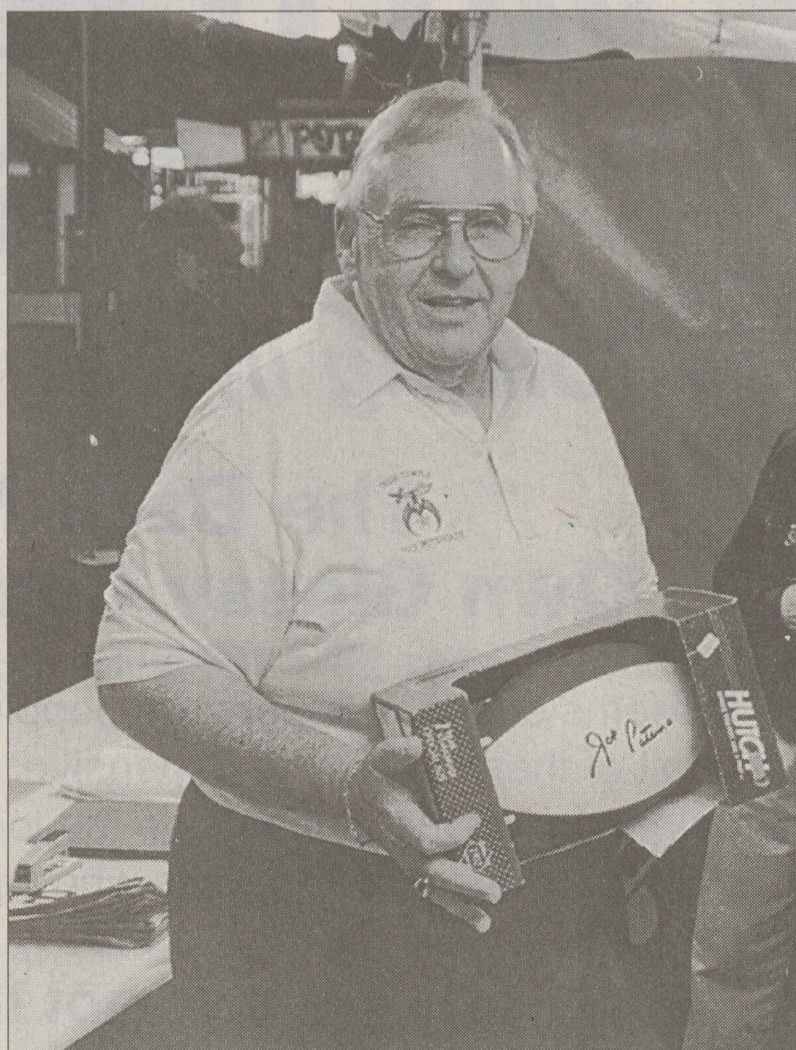


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Paul Nicholson, the proud new owner of a football signed by legendary Penn State coach Joe Paterno.



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Kelly Freeman relaxed as her image was reflected in a mirror that was to be sold over the auction block.