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The Oswalts and their supporting cast soon discovered that there wasn't much that needed to change in order for this year's auction to be a success. "Our first session was an affirmation that the Auction is right on the money," said John. "It was obvious that we were not going to have to rewrap this event, so we began to consider little changes that we hope are going to make a good thing better. Some of those include reviving the once popular cake booth, providing transportation to the auction grounds

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Co-chairperson

from off-site parking areas, and offering youngsters a nightly "Bird Time Story" in the library's Children's Wing. "The story hour will be such a great addition, Felicia Waynesboro has done a tremendous job lining up readers, many of whom will be telling stories in costume," said Sue. "I think this is such a wonderful tie-in to the

"Sue is a member of the PTA at the kids' school, and I coach Little League, tee-ball, and soccer, but this was an opportunity to support something we really feel strongly about, and if anything we are more motivated after working with all these incredible people."

Volunteerism can be contagious and that is another benefit the Oswalts have taken from their Auction experience. "This is one more way for our kids to learn a sense of responsibility," said Sue. "They tag along while we do things for the Auction and they hear us talking about all the work people put into this to make it happen. I think they get a sense of their role in the bigger picture."

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Jim Snyder; 35 years with auction

I starting working with the Library Auction about 35 years ago when I was freshman at Dallas high school. My first was working with Mrs. Mitchell Jenkins, Antique Chairman, by setting the tables up and doing odd jobs for her. I was a member of Dallas Key Club and our job was to set all tents up and move the merchandise to different booths and feed the auction block. I can remember selling chickens, fur coats, and new cars in those early years. From there I was in charge children's games (fun booth). The most popular game was plush toys stand.



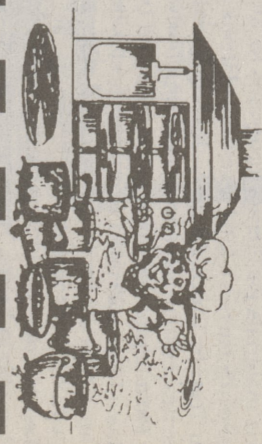
JIM SNYDER

One year I marched in Seranton with the Dallas High School drill team at noon, then came back and worked at the auction until 2 a.m. Then we moved Main Street I helped with manning the barn as merchandise was coming in. I also was a feeder for the auction and served as co-chairman for Celebrity Auction. At that time Ladies' Day was Friday afternoon of the auction week. That's when we sold lots of yard goods, linens and ladies' apparel. Before the auction started, we had a chicken barbecue at Gate of Heaven as a kickoff. This year is my biggest challenge by being grounds chairman and traffic chairman. As grounds chairman, I have to be sure everything is ready to go before bidding. The auction is a great place to see new and old friends. I just enjoy being busy helping make the auction huge success for children in Back Mountain.

Jim Snyder

Book collector? Noted actor Jack Palance has donated three autographed copies of his book, "The Forest of Love." Subtitled "A Love Story in Blank Verse," the book contains text and art by Palance, who lives in Drums.

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