

## Auction bids century goodbye in style

**DALLAS** - The final Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction of the 20th century was a blast.

There was something for everyone at this year's event. New additions like the nightly "bid time" stories and off-site parking made a great tradition even better, while old favorites proved as popular as ever.

The young children with painted faces and bright eyes who gathered inside to hear the bid time stories were treated to an evening of delight and wonder. "My favorite story was the one we just heard, *Where the Wild Things Are*, because it is really good," said Devon Harris.

The story hours were fun for all involved including the grown-ups who were telling the tales. "I definitely enjoyed this," said Felicia Waynesboro, who organized the sessions and happily took time to read to the children. "The kids were just amazing; they were really involved and they asked great questions."

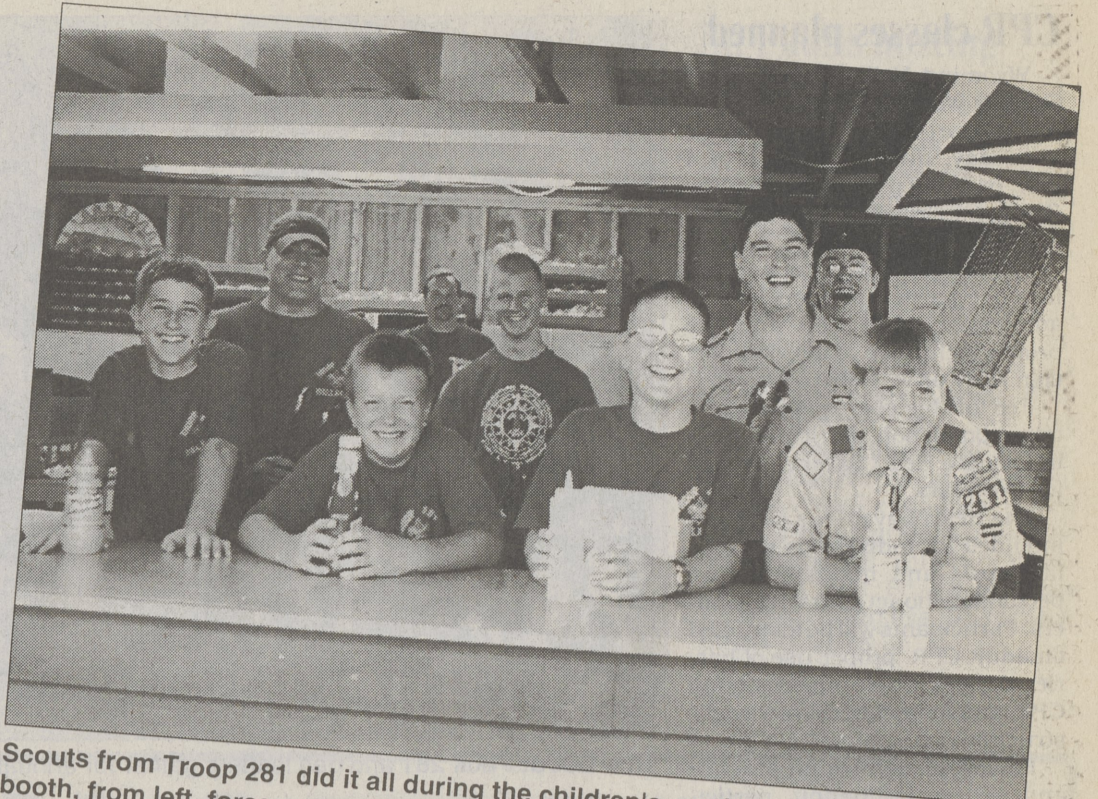
Bidders were also involved and anxious to participate in the excitement. Carol Whitehead and Jessica DeSanto proudly displayed their prized items, an antique doll and a beaded jar that reminded the women of a genie's home. "I've never missed an Auction and I don't think I ever will," said Whitehead. "This is so much fun."

While the final tally isn't in, the antiques brought in over \$53,000, a new record.

by Kasia McDonough



Kurt Schramm put in his bid during the children's auction, Saturday afternoon. He was visiting his grandmother, Jean Schramm of Dallas, at right.



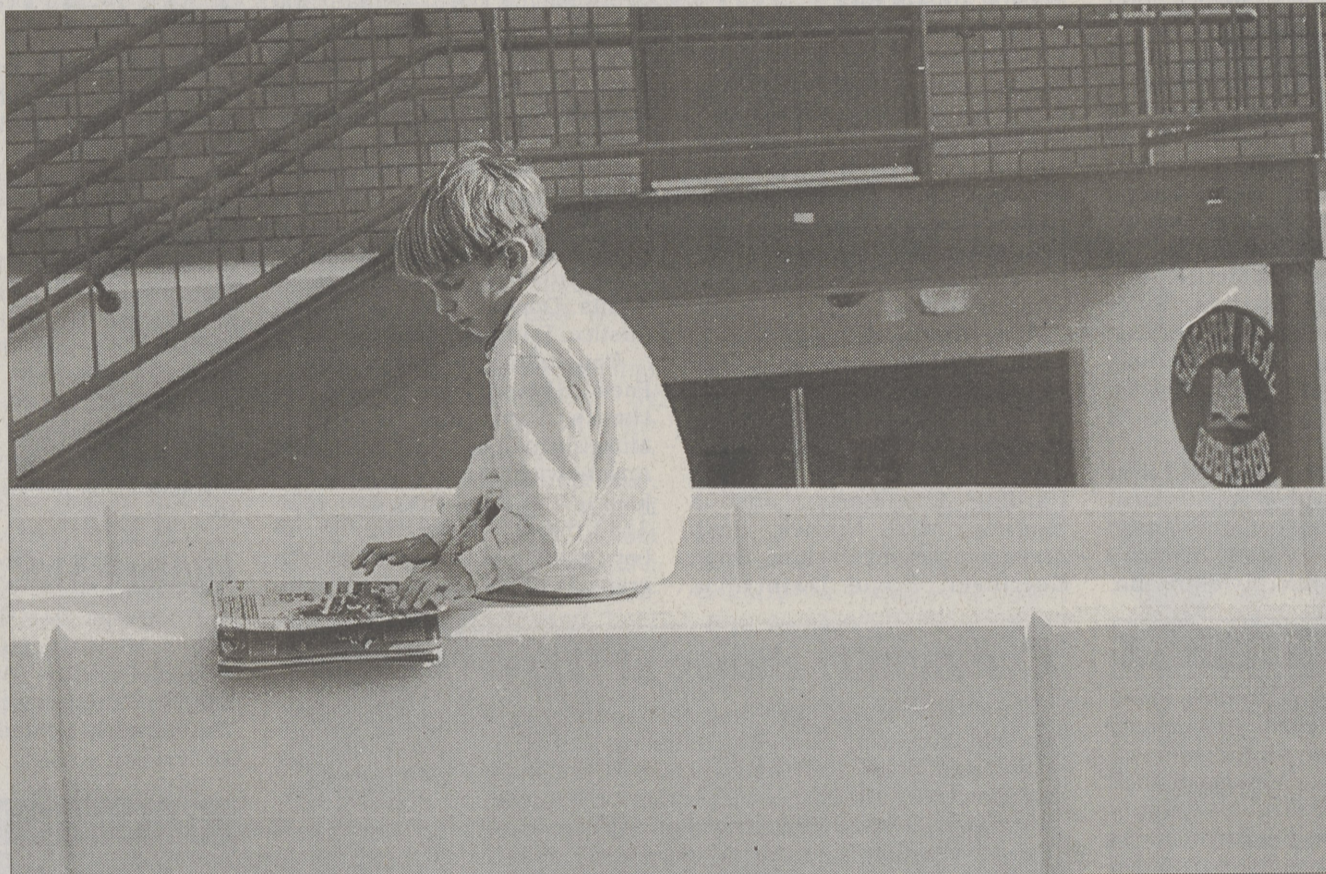
Scouts from Troop 281 did it all during the children's auction. Staffing the food booth, from left, foreground; Jeff Pace, Tom Van Horn, Joe Bednash, Ryan Murray. Back; Brian Downey, Eric Kowalek, Matt Dabue and John Leah.

## Auction scenes

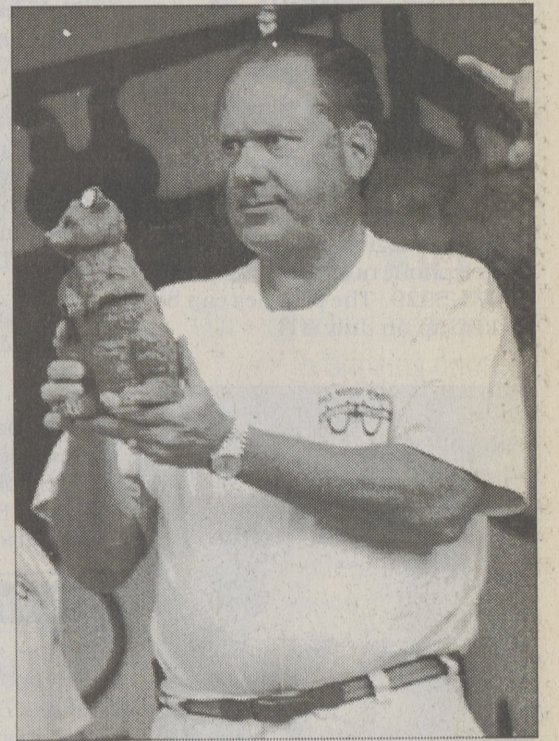


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Serge Ivanov, Dallas, sat right down to read a bargain book.



John Shaskas, a veterinarian, with an animal of a different sort.



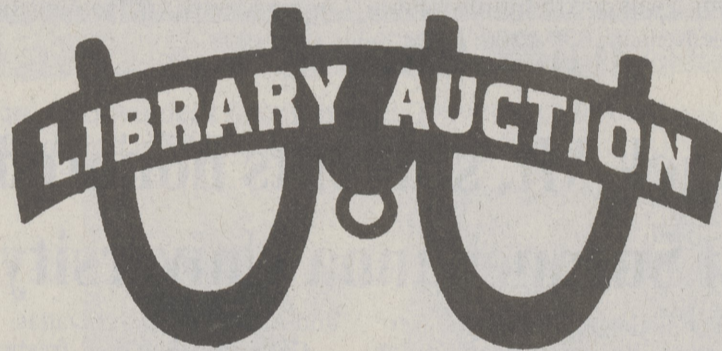
John and Sue Oswalt, chairpersons of this year's auction, rang the bell to officially begin the bidding.



Joan Byron and her daughter Caroline with an antique women's shoeshine box they bid highest for.



Chad Oswald checked out what was blooming at the plant booth.



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Under the newly-lit auction bell, Sumner Bachman took bids while Steve Traver held up the goods. Traver would take the next shift at the microphone.



Kelly Dickinson, Shavertown, checked a tasty treat at the revived cake booth, which was busy Saturday night.



A new auction record! This year's auction painting by Sue Hand, painted from the perspective of a bucket truck, brought \$4,400. From left, Sue Hand; Carol Davis, the generous winning bidder; Jeff Townsend, auctioneer; Ernie Ashbridge, antiques committee. Davis, who grew up living on Pinecrest Ave., just a few blocks from the library, said she wanted an auction painting to leave for her family. She started going to auctions as a child, when the event was held in the Risley barn on Lehman Ave. When she arrived at this year's auction, she said she needed a number because she was going to buy the painting. And she did!