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First Sue Hand acrylic is a big hit

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
Post Correspondent

"Going once. Going twice. Sold! For \$4,000!" Sylvia Kropp thrust her green bid sheet high over her head, her number 21 standing out triumphantly. The Sue Hand original acrylic painting was hers! The cheering crowd of the 56th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction went wild with applause.

The intense bidding was actually a family See PAINTING, pg 5

Sylvia Kropp of Trucksville thrusts her number 21 over her head in triumph! She bought the 2002 auction painting by Sue Hand, the first time the artist has worked in acrylic on the piece.



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Auction keeps 'em coming back

By TIMOTHY J. RAUB
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DALLAS — The annual Back Mountain Library Auction is more than just a night or weekend out for Wayne and Sharon Williams.

It has grown to become a sort of yearly reunion of old faces for the Kingston Township couple, and a family tradition.

The Williamses, who have been coming to the auction for 30 years now, have seen the auction grow, move and constantly add features.

"We love the atmosphere," said Wayne Williams. "The fact that you get to see people that you normally don't get to see is something we look forward to each year."

"We can remember when the auction was held down the street at the old site, and it's nice to see all the vendors they've added."

Sharon Williams said her favorite part of the auction is the Nearly Old and Odds and Ends tents, and likes to watch local artist Sue Hand put her finger-

prints on the auction weekend with her painting talent.

"There are a lot of good sales (in the tents)," she said. "I like to see Sue Hand too. Her father and mine worked together, and it is always nice to see her."

Antiques collector Enid Yonker found out about the auction two years ago from the Williams family, and since then, has made it a point to travel to the Back Moun-

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Three flown to hospitals after Rt. 118 crash

Police chief says he has asked for a light at the intersection, but PennDOT hasn't acted

By TIMOTHY J. RAUB
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LEHMAN TWP. — Three area youths were taken by helicopter to area hospitals, and three other people were transported by ambulance after a two-car collision along Route 118, in front of Cook's Variety Store Tuesday afternoon.

According to police, a Subaru Impreza, driven by Matthew Feehan, 17, of Sweet Valley and carrying three other teenagers, was struck by a Ford Explorer, traveling eastbound on Rt. 118 near noon, as the Impreza attempted to enter Route 118 from Market Street, adjacent to Cook's. The Explorer was driven by Karen Raspen, Hunlock Creek, and her 10-year-old daughter was a passenger.

Lehman Township Police Chief Howard Kocher identified the youths as Feehan; Ashley Basar, Lehman; Leslie Rosenbaum, Chase, and Josh Marth, Sweet Valley.

Feehan and Rosenbaum were taken to Community Medical Center, Scranton. A spokesperson there said Feehan was in the Intensive Care Unit Wednesday morning, and Rosenbaum was in a hospital room.

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Rescuers worked to free Matthew Feehan from the Subaru Impreza he was driving Tuesday, after it was struck by a Ford Explorer as Feehan pulled out onto Rt. 118 in Lehman Township. Feehan and two other teenagers in the Subaru were flown by helicopter to Geisinger Medical Center in Danville.



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Dog-gone patriotic

Frankie Bevevino and "Lucky" paused before the July 4th parade held in the Deer Meadows development in Dallas Borough. Children from Deer Meadows and High Point Acres, where the tradition began many years ago, decorated their bikes — and themselves — and rode through the neighborhood. Additional photo on page 8.

Taxpayers will pick up tab for tire cleanup

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
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JACKSON TWP. — Jackson Township supervisors expressed their outrage Tuesday night over the use of taxpayer money to clean up a 20,000 waste tire pile in the township — even if it was not coming out of the township funds.

The 20,000 tires on the property of Francis Manzoni will be shredded by Apex Waste Management, a company hired by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) by the end of

July, reported township solicitor Jeffrey Malak.

"It is going to be at no expense to the township. No expense to the Manzoni's," said Malak. "But someone is going to be paying for something. Unfortunately, I think the citizens are going to be paying for it."

"It is very difficult for me to go along with people who are breaking the rules of the township and the state," said supervisor Al Fox. "While the citizens and the taxpayers are picking up the cost and then maybe these people do this again."

Supervisor John J. Wilkes suggested writing a letter to DEP and Representative Phyllis Mundy expressing their concerns. "This is not the proper way that I feel the taxpayers' money should be spent," Wilkes said.

The other waste tire problem property in the township is owned by Raymond Malak, who has moved his nearly 10,000 waste tires from his property on Chase Road to his on Pinetree Road property. Relocating the tires is still a violation of the Solid Waste Manage-

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New water company fixes leak in a jiffy

By TIMOTHY J. RAUB
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KINGSTON TWP. — Cathy Burgess had a feeling the pond which started forming in her yard recently was not a result of recent rainstorms that saturated the ground.

Especially when the pond was forming atop a domestic water line which in the past has been a source of breaks and headaches for Burgess and her neighbors in Midway Manor.

But proving this to National Utilities Inc., (NUI) Burgess's problematic and troubled water supplier, would prove to be more of a migraine.

Burgess, of Woodbine Road, said she was railroaded by NUI for almost two weeks before the

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