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## LIBRARY AUCTION KICKOFF



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK/ FOR THE DALLAS POST  
Kay Simons and Nadine Young check out the auction items before the dinner.

## Kicking off this year's Auction

Nearly 100 people gathered last Monday night at Apple Tree Terrace to celebrate the Back Mountain Library's Annual Auction.

The kick-off dinner featured hot and cold hors'doeuvres, carving stations with pasta, beef and fish entrees, plus a lavish dessert table.

Auctioneer Steve Traver did his special magic with the

guests and everyone had fun bidding on antiques, collectible glassware, paintings, photography by Charlotte Bartizek, floral arrangements and even souvenirs from co-chairman Clarence Michael's recent trip to England!

Dinner Chairwoman Raelene Daring welcomed the attendees and introduced Board

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Jim O'Shea bought an Aflac duck at the Back Mountain Memorial Library's Annual Auction Kick-Off Dinner.

Carol Warhol-ic Sweeney, chairperson of his year's Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, models a cape during a mini-auction at Monday night's auction kick-off dinner.



## 2007 RELAY FOR LIFE



Charles Giacometti, left, and Lee Eckert ran at the Relay for Life held at College Misericordia last weekend.

"I came and we walked and walked, and my feet started hurting. It made me realize that those fighting cancer have to go through so much pain in their battle."



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Beth Carey, of Lehman, a cancer survivor, is held up by her friends at the Relay for Life event. From left, are Deanna Dragon, Ashlee Swanson, Nicole Mitkus, Nikki Clonan and Amanda Cooper.

## Stomping cancer

By GENELE HOBAN  
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Two years ago, Beth Carey was leading the life of a typical teen, hanging out with friends and playing sports, especially basketball.

When she was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins lymphoma, however, her life-style took on a temporary modification. Non-Hodgkins lymphoma is a form of cancer of the immune system.

"I had a short intense round of chemotherapy in the summer of 2005," the 17-year-old said.

A student in the Lake-Lehman School District, Carey was, once again, selected as the honorary chairperson of the Back Mountain Relay for Life, which took place June 1 and June 2.

"I was the chair last year too, but it got rained out and the organization wanted me to be it again this year," she said. "It is an honor to do."

The Back Mountain Relay for Life is an overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society.

During the 24-hour event, teams of peo-

ple gathered at College Misericordia and took turns walking or running laps. Team members sacrificed the comforts of home to show that the battle against cancer never sleeps.

"In the past three years, Back Mountain's Relay for Life has raised more than \$250,000," said Joe Joyce, who helped organize this year's event as an American Cancer Society staff member. "So far this year, the teams raised \$53,000, but they have until Aug. 31 to turn in all donations."

Senator Lisa Baker and State Representative Karen Boback were also on hand to lend their support to cancer survivors and event participants.

"The cure for cancer cannot come soon enough," said Boback, who lost both of her parents to the disease. "As a public policy maker, it is my job to advance the importance of health and wellness."

Baker attended the event to support her community and fight the battle against the disease.

"My life in the community did not change after I was elected," said Baker, who is serving her first term as a state senator. "The people who were honored here are neighbors and friends. Anything I can do to support cancer research and provide



Wally Pliker, Dallas, an employee of Off-set Paperback shaved his head and collected \$903 for the Relay for Life.

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## Back Mountain has new Eagles

It was a night of honors for three members of Boy Scout Troop 241 last Friday at the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church.

After years of preparation and months of hard work, Steven Frank Cornia, Michael James Farrell and Matthew Pail were awarded the Eagle Scout, the highest honor in Boy Scouting.

Cornia, 18, is the son of Luz and Keith Cornia of Jackson Township. A senior at Lake-Lehman High School, he has a brother, Brian, who is also an Eagle

Scout. While a member of Troop 241, Cornia held many positions of responsibility, including Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Scribe and O.P.A. Representative.

For his Eagle Scout project, he constructed an information/bulletin board and performed trail maintenance in one of the parking areas off Route 118.

Cornia will attend Temple University in the fall.

Seventeen-year-old Farrell is the son of George and Donna Far-

rell of Shavertown and is a student at Lake-Lehman High School.

As a member of Troop 241, he has served as Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Scribe, Quartermaster and O.A. Representative.

For his Eagle Scout project, Farrell repaired and painted kennels, baseboards, walls and doors at the Wilkes-Barre Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA).



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Reciting the Boy Scout pledge are the Back Mountain's newest Eagle Scouts. From left, Michael Farrell, Matthew Pail and Steve Cornia.

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