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Auction art fetches \$7500, stays in Hand's hands

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the help of Bernadette Martin, Hand's daughter Heather Madeira and the community, Hand was

bid on Hand's painting with do- \$5000; I was just thrilled to See HAND, Page 10

nated money from friends of For more Library Auction Hand. She was the winning bidder for an astonishing \$7500. Martin handed over the painting Sue Hand tries not to get per- to Hand's son-in-law Tim, who death. I was just totally clueless; sonally attached to her works of explained to the audience that I had no idea." art. But this year, Hand's annual the community - which included painting of the Back Mountain donations from as far away as in The Dallas Post about the old Memorial Library Auction was Massachusetts and Arizona - Risley barn that was once home something she knew she would contributed the money so the to the auction, Hand was inhave a hard time giving up. With painting could stay with Hand. spired. Reminiscing about her Tim presented it to Hand and, times at the auction led her to overwhelmed, she began to cry.

able to keep her beloved paint- the English language that would her painting "Then and Now: On Sunday night at the auc- date. "I just couldn't believe it. I after part of the article's headtion, Martin sat in the crowd and couldn't believe it went over

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After reading a recent article paint about her experiences at "I don't think there's a word in past auctions. In fact, she named cover it all," said Hand at a later The Spirit of the Event Lives On"



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painting is auctioned off, Sue Hand was especially overwhelmed when the Back Mountain community chipped in to buy her painting for \$7500 giving the money to the library but returning the painting to Hand. With Sue is her husband. Joe, who framed the painting.



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Back Mountain emergency responders were the recent recipients of two GPS systems from the Geisinger Health System. From left, are Josh Hilstosky, Richard Bartholomew, Franklin Northmoreland Ambulance; Ed Gromelski RN, Life Flight Nurse; Scott Briggs and Jack Dodson, Kunkle Fire and Ambulance.

Geisinger donates GPS units to locals

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It's easy to get lost while driving in a rural area - especially when the weather is adverse and the night is dark. Imagine attempting to find such a destination in these conditions by heliach someone who is critically in-

a bit easier, two global position- University Park Airport, State ing systems were donated by College. When flying to a seclud-Geisinger Health System to the ed area, ambulance personnel the Franklin Township Fire Sta-tioning system, however, rescue tion. The GPS units will give the teams can relay an exact locapilot exact coordinates of the locale they're seeking and will as- Flight. The result is that presist helicopter pilots in finding cious time - time that can make

landing zones. The Cobra GPS 100s were cy-is saved. funded by grants from the Emergency Medical Services Pro- has only been on the job for gram through the Pennsylvania Department of Health, said See GPS, Page 10

Anne Green, media manager for the Greater Geisinger Wilkes-Barre/Pocono Area.

Geisinger Life Flight is a regional helicopter service used to transport patients who need to reach a specialized hospital quickly, or those who are too sick to be moved by ambulance. copter with a crew trying to re- Helicopters are based at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport, Avoca; Geisinger In an attempt to make the task Medical Center, Danville; and Franklin Northmoreland Ambu- often give the pilot a visual referlance Association and Kunkle ence point. But they are not al-Fire and Ambulance June 21 at ways helpful. With a global position by coordinates to Life all the difference in an emergen-

Life Flight pilot Scott Walters



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Aaron Hogan gets a hug from his mom, Diane, as he leaves on a 10-day trip to Spain.

Off they go to Spain for 10 days

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families gathered in the parking with the school district. lot of Dallas High School to say goodbye was a joyous occasion.

national Airport. From there, they Spain. were scheduled to fly to Paris and Though the students and teachers new world."

are from Dallas High School, the group is traveling through the In- travel abroad, it gets the kids out- niards. ternational Students Abroad Pro- side of the box and gets them In scorching heat and humidity, gram and the trip is not affiliated thinking."

goodbye to their children. But this taught Spanish at Dallas High sel and enjoy the luxury of a tour School for two years. She studied guide 24 hours a day. Students Seventeen students from Dallas in Spain for a period during col-from other areas will meet up with High School left Tuesday for a trip lege, has taken other student trips the group to form one larger tour. to Spain. Spanish teacher Chesla to the country before and has trav- They are scheduled to see Ma-Ann Bohinski and geography and eled extensively in Europe. Join-drid, Toledo, Grenada, Sevilla, history teacher Daryl Williams, ingher is Daryl Williams, a geogra- Cordobu, and Barcelona. Travelalong with four parents, are chapphy and history teacher of five ing across Spain will be done by eroning the bunch that departed years. The educators hope the stu- bus except for one overnight ride on a bus to the Philadelphia Inter-dents will learn from being in on a train.

"I just think traveling abroad is going on the trip. It is the first time then board a final plane that will great for the students," said Bo- he's left the country and he is looktake them to Madrid, Spain. hinski. "It shows them a whole ing forward to seeing new people



Dallas High School parents and students board the bus for a 10day trip to Spain organized by International Students Abroad.

Williams added, "When you they live," Zupko said of the Spa-

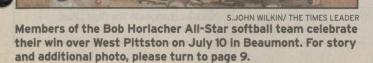
The group will tour with the Trip organizer Bohinski has National Education Travel Coun-

> Adam Zupko was excited to be and places. "I want to learn how See ABROAD, Page 10

Though Zupko has taken Spanish classes, he does not plan to attempt to actually speak the language while in the country and hopes his teacher is not expecting him to speak it, either.

Sixteen-year-old Zupko, who is entering his senior year this fall at Dallas, was wished off by his mother Lori Cogswell but Zupko does not anticipate becoming homesick. "I'm glad to be away," he said.

Meghan Pietraccini was eager to board the bus. "I've been waiting for a year so I'm really excited," she said. Pietraccini has never been to Spain but once visited



"When you travel abroad, it gets the kids outside of the box and gets them thinking."

Daryl Williams Dallas High School history teacher