

The 61st annual BACK MOUNTAIN Library auction



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The Back Mountain Memorial Library in Dallas held its 61st annual auction July 5-8. Aside from an auction of goods held each evening, attendees were able to purchase gently used books, food, and items from vendors. Children were treated to their very own auc-

tion on Saturday morning, as well as a puppet show, live reptiles, and a medieval sword and shield presentation throughout the general auction. Every year the auction is conducted the Thursday through Sunday after the Fourth of July to raise funds for the public library.



TOP RIGHT: Amber Balmer, an art student of Sue hand's, paints the auction scene during the 61st Annual Back Mountain Library Auction.

MIDDLE: Local artist Sue Hand paints on site at the auction every year and then donates the painting to be auctioned off. This year, the painting brought in \$7500 and Hand got to keep it.

ABOVE LEFT: Gillian and Kathryn Murray, of Mountain Top, find treasure books in the book booth at the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

BOTTOM LEFT: "So what do you think, Mom?" asks Julia Bojarcik of her mother, Diane, as they eye an item at the Nearly Old booth.

ABOVE: Auctioneer Joe Killeen tries to get the best bid up with the stage help of Steve Traver, left, and Ernie Ashbridge.

