

AUCTION *attracts* MANY

Annual event has something for people of all ages to enjoy

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Vacations are planned around it. Residents who have moved away return for it. Lost friendships are rekindled and new ones are made.

Hundreds will turn out for the annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction which will be held 6 to 11 p.m. Thursday, July 10, and 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 11-13. The 62nd annual auction offers new and traditional activities for people of all ages.

New this year is a cash raffle. First prize is \$500, second prize is two Penn State football game tickets, third prize is a \$100 gift certificate to Jack Williams Tire and Auto and fourth prize is a \$50 gift card to Sheetz.

For the first time, the book tent will be moved indoors, allowing auction-goers to browse books in air conditioning and to be protected in the event of rain.

Don't forget about the Odds and Ends tent, which is similar to a flea market. There is also the Nearly New tent that offers gently-used items.

Be sure to come to the auction hungry as there will be a plethora of tantalizing food from which to choose. In addition to the usual vendors, this year there will be popcorn, an antique root beer cart offering root beer and floats and a Middle Eastern stand offering gyros and fish and chips. New to the food stand run by the Dallas Rotary are chili, pierogies and whimpies.



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Auction-goers never know what kinds of goodies they'll find at the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.



"One of these years I won't be able to do this anymore, so I have a 'team of trained painters' to take my place," says artist Sue Hand, who will once again paint on site at the auction.

Children looking to get their feet wet in auctioning can do so at the children's auction from noon until at least 3 p.m. (maybe until 4 p.m., depending on how many items are available) on Saturday. Games, toys, stuffed animals and even bicycles will be auctioned and adults keep an eye on the children's bidding to make sure they don't get carried away. The children's auction is run by Boy Scout Troop 281 in Dallas.



This year's chance item is a roll-top oak desk from an estate in Waverly, PA.

During regular auction hours, children can head indoors for a "Summer of Science," offering themed hands-on activities. Play stations will be located throughout the library to keep the children entertained.

On Thursday, don't forget to join in the fun at Family Night where children can participate in a pottery activity, crafts, art



Leslie Horoshko, antiques chairman, checks out and catalogues incoming antiques for the 2008 Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

lessons and face painting. Hot dogs are only 25 cents.

Entertainers will be present every night to amuse the crowd. Skip Sensbach, owner of Green Dog Pottery in Dallas, will make pottery each night. On Friday and Saturday, Merle Eiffert, of

Gillett, Pa., will do a blacksmith demonstration and on Sunday, Cheryl Korb, of Dalton, will sell her folk art paintings and woven rugs.

Also on Saturday night,

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