

There's plenty to do

From singing anchorman to blacksmith demonstrations

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There's plenty to do at this year's Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction besides bid on antiques. Live entertainment, food, friends, children's activities and much more are lined up for every night.

Many locals are familiar with WNEP-TV anchor and reporter Mike Lewis who has co-anchored the 6 and 11 p.m. newscasts since 1999. But not everyone knows he's also a Nashville recording artist.

Lewis will sing a selection from one of his CDs at the auction on Saturday night and will then auction off copies of his CDs.

The singer and songwriter released his debut six-song CD titled "Umbrellas in the Sun" in 2003. He sold copies of the CD and donated all of his profit to the Northeast Pennsylvania Boys and Girls Club. "One Teardrop Falls" was Lewis' second CD and was released in 2004. He worked with producer Steve Gibson on the 10-song CD, co-writing one song with singer and songwriter Gene Cotton.

Throughout 2006 and 2007, Lewis returned to Nashville to once again work with Gibson and, as a result, created the CD "Save the Day." Lewis co-wrote the song "I Say Fly" with Cotton.

Skip Sensbach, who owns Green Dog Pottery with his wife, Kirsten, will be at the auction every night. A Dallas resident, Sensbach will do functional

stoneware pottery demonstrations and offer his pottery for sale. This year, he is focusing on large forms and will construct 36-inch pots. All of his pottery is usable.

In addition, Sensbach will lead a make-and-take pottery craft from 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursday (Family Night) with children at the auction.

"When I'm there (at the auction), it's as if it's my studio," Sensbach said.

The Sensbachs opened Green Dog Pottery together 12 years ago. For years, Sensbach worked out of his home, but in 2005, Green Dog moved to a studio on Main Street in Dallas. Kirsten, who helps with paperwork, is not an artist but works as a physical

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ABOVE: Artist Cheryl Korb, of Dalton, will sell her woven rugs at the auction on Sunday night.

BELOW: Kolb will also offer her folk art paintings for sale.

