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## Auction finds

### You'd be surprised at what goes across the block sometimes

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What do a baby lamb, an odd-shaped "vase," a Nancy Drew book and an antique dress have in common?

If you guessed that they are all items that have been purchased at previous Back Mountain Memorial Library Auctions... you are correct.

Many patrons have responded to our informal survey and have reported that "just about anything" can be found at the auction. Although most people wanted to remain anonymous about their previous purchases, a few brave "shoppers" were willing to share their stories.

Lucy Messersmith, of Dallas, tells the story of her father's surprise auction "win" back in the 1960s when livestock animals were the highlight of auction fun. Lucy's father was the lucky high bidder of a baby lamb, and that night was definitely an unforgettable one for Lucy's family.

"Although our home on Main Street was certainly no place for 'Libby the Lamb'... we were so excited," Lucy remembers.

The lamb, however, was not as happy about its new home and, unless Lucy or one of her sisters would sleep outside near it on a chaise lounge chair, it would "baa" all night long.

After about one month of this nightly serenade, the lamb then found another "new home" on a friend's farm.

An anonymous past auction attendee tells the story of her "find" at an auction many years ago, that she attended as a young girl with her mother. They spied a unique vase for only 25 cents and proudly carried their new centerpiece with them throughout the auction

#### IF YOU GO ...

67th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction  
July 11-14, 2013  
5 to 11 p.m.  
Library grounds,  
Huntsville Road,  
Dallas

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grounds. Though only a young girl, she remembers people pointing and laughing at her purchase. But it wasn't until they returned home and placed their new vase on the kitchen table that she learned the meaning of the phrase... "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

Her father's remark, "Why on earth did you buy a hospital urinal?" is one she will never forget.

Laura Hadsall, the newest employee of the library, remembers her find of a Nancy Drew book about 15 years ago.

"I was sorting through a box of books under a table in the Book Tent, when three brightly-colored Nancy Drew books in the old-style dust jackets caught my eye." Laura tells how she "grabbed" the books for \$3 and

also found a fourth book with no dust jacket for only \$2. When she returned home, she was thrilled to find it was a rare first edition of the very first volume in the series, "The Secret of the Old Clock." Even without the original dust jacket, its value is approximately \$450. Not a bad return for a little digging at the auction!

Bette Gillespie was happy to share her memory of a beautiful antique dress she bid on at a past auction. However, another woman placed a higher bid and won the dress. The next day Bette received a phone call from the woman, offering the dress to her at Bette's bidding price.

"I wore the dress to a New Year's Party and still have it!" she proudly exclaims.

Other favorite items included a bicycle that the new owner proudly rode home from the auction, all the way from Dallas to Wilkes-Barre, a chest of drawers for only \$12, a "ridi-



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Betty Gillespie shows off a beaded full-length dress she bought at the auction for \$45.

## First-ever Rotary Wine & Dine Festival attracts hundreds

### 80-year-old club funds daunting list of projects which requires funding

The first-ever Dallas Rotary Wine & Dine Festival enticed a large crowd to visit the Luzerne County Fairgrounds on June 29. The festival featured 11 wineries, 17 food vendors and 32 craft vendors. Festival attendees were able to sample all wines and food was available for purchase. Wineries also sold wine by the bottle and the case.

The Rotary Club takes on a daunting list of projects which require funding every year.

Sandy Peoples, public relations chair for the 80-year-old group, listed a Christmas shopping spree for 45 needy children in the Dallas, Lake-Lehman and Northwest School districts, a book scholarship program, a dictionary program which distributes 400 dictionaries to area third-graders and support for a number of institutions, including the Senior Center, Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army.



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Volunteers Joann Freeman, left, of Dallas, and Joan Martin, of Trucksville, pass out wine glasses to Sarah and Keith Perks of Wilkes-Barre at the Dallas Rotary Wine and Dine Festival.



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Jim Keller Jr., right, of Shavertown, looks over some belts at the Leather Wizard booth as sales representative Julia King of Scranton looks on.



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3rd Degree Trio members Dave Abraham, left, of Shavertown, Bob White, of Swoyersville, and Henry Pehala, of Plains Township, perform at the Dallas Rotary Wine and Dine Festival.

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Tara Dix of Grovedale Winery in Wyalusing, left, pours wine samples to festival goers at the Dallas Rotary Wine and Dine Festival at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds.



## Fireworks start Fourth of July week

It's not Fourth of July week without Pizza Paul Fireworks. Hundreds came out to Back Mountain Harvest Assembly while hundreds more lined Carverton Road in Trucksville and the surrounding area on June 29 to enjoy the annual fireworks display provided by Paul Adamchak.



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Devon Karraker, of Harveys Lake, whips up some cotton candy for himself at the Harvest Assembly Church during the annual fireworks event there.



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Trevor Ultsh, of Larksville, holds an ice cone the size of breakfast bowls. The \$5 treats were very popular at the Pizza Paul's fireworks event.



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Fireworks were put on hold as a storm approached and the audience waited.

## Boback, Mundy team up to address elder abuse

As advocates for protecting senior citizens across the Commonwealth, Rep. Karen Boback (R-Luzerne/Wyoming/Columbia), in conjunction with Rep. Phyllis Mundy (D-Luzerne), the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General and the Department of the Auditor General will host an event to draw attention to the growing problem of senior scams, elder abuse and identity theft and address what is being

done to target these concerns. This event will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 29 at Misericordia University's Lemmond Theater. Special guests include Pennsylvania Auditor General Eugene DePasquale, Attorney General Kathleen Kane and members of the local elder abuse task force.

DePasquale will share facts and figures pertaining to elder abuse across the Commonwealth, while

Kane will discuss crime prevention tips for seniors, as well as what measures Pennsylvania is taking to curb its elder abuse and fraud. Kane will also acknowledge the accomplishments and ongoing efforts of the task force.

For more information regarding this event, contact Boback's Sweet Valley office at 477-3752 or in Tunkhannock at 836-4777. Mundy's office can be reached at 283-9622.

## Beaumont Inn open for business

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Rob Freidman, along with his daughters Haley and Diane, community officials and well-wishers, cuts the ribbon to announce the re-opening of the Beaumont Inn for public lodging and dining. The interior of the inn has been refurbished and the backyard terraced for outdoor dining.

