

# Auction Raises Money For Bedford 4-H



Pete Cross pays \$32.50 for this chocolate cake, which looks like a hamburger.

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**BEDFORD (Bedford Co.)** — Bidding on baked goods edged up once again at the 4-H auction held at the Bedford County Fair.

The grand total of \$1,171 will go towards maintenance and improvements at the 4-H building.

One of the all-time high bidders, Andy Roberts of Sarasota, Florida, a diabetic who buys breads and sweets for the workers at his cotton candy booth was absent.

In his place, he sent a \$300 donation.

Some top bidders were \$16 for Hershey's "Best of Show" cocoa bars which were resold to Ed Wolfhope of Schellsburg for \$20. "They were worth every penny," he emphasized later.

Bedford Ford spent more than \$100 for baked goods for an employee coffee break.

Jay Williams of Bedford RD 6, spent \$50 on a sweet assortment. "Much of it," he said, "will be frozen for an ice cream festival at my church."

Ed Wolfhope followed close behind with \$47 worth of munchies which would either be frozen for later use or given to the employees at his wife's office.

Pete Cross was the high bidder for a chocolate cake decorate like a hamburger. The cake sold for \$32.50.

A best of show raisin pie went for \$10 and best of show raisin cookies for \$7.50.

At least 42 bidders contributed to the success of the sale.

Stanley Claycomb and his daughter Linda Muir contributed their auctioneering skills.

*Ida's  
Notebook*

by  
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I'm continually amazed at the prices paid for antiques. Naturally the price of everything is much higher than it was in the 1940s. Many food items cost 10 times as much as when I started house-keeping. Even then we grew most of our food by having a large garden and we raised chickens and hogs for butchering in order to save money.

Collectors have driven up the price of many items as they amass collections of signs, licenses, dishes, post cards, agateware, etc. Early furniture is especially desirable if it has the original paint. The fact that it is very worn does not seem to matter. Even cupboards that were stored in a barn for decades now bring in the thousands of dollars.

Another reason for high prices is the fact that sometimes certain members of a family all want a particular item that means a lot to them. This could be a family Bible, a sewing basket or records

of genealogy. Old deeds and wills cannot be replaced by anything else and are one of a kind.

Of course, perfect specimens are most highly prized but often chipped or cracked items still bring top figures. If you remember that your Grandmother always used a particular bowl to bake cookies, then maybe you do not care how high the price goes at an auction — you buy it.

My mother often told us that she had an opportunity to pick several spinning wheels that were stored on the top level of an old shed. She picked one and then for years wished that she had taken more. Her weakness at public sales was dishes. She bought boxes of them and never got around to even unpacking them. Finally when one room was filled my father said, "No more sales." A few of the dishes were special but most of them were quite ordinary. Now they would be much more expensive than they were in 1940.

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