



Nora Myer is surrounded by her grandchildren, Brandon, 14, Corby, 12, and Heather, 8, who are children of Carol and Dean Ziegler; Justin, 7, and Shelbin, 5, sons of Chris and Gary Myer; and Cassandra, 5, daughter of Karen and Brian Wagner. Because these six grandchildren attend Manheim Christian Day School, Nora has quilted the Multi-star quilt shown in the background for the upcoming benefit sale to be held April 25-26.

## Grandmother Quilts For Upcoming Benefit Auction

### LOU ANN GOOD

Lancaster Farming Staff  
MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — For most people, the annual auction held by the Manheim Christian Day School is a two-day affair. But for Nora Myers of Elm, the auction means months of work without pay.

Monetary pay, that is. Payment comes in other forms.

Nora is one of the persons who works behind the scenes quilting those beautiful quilts that annually draws customers from out of state.

While still a young girl, Nora learned to quilt from her mother. But she had little time perfecting the skill after becoming a widow at a young age and raising three children.

"Besides, back then, people preferred chenille spreads. Quilts weren't popular," said Nora, who always kept busy knitting, crocheting, or embroidering.

After her children were grown and Nora retired from her job, she began quilting in earnest. After making a quilt for each of her children, nine grandchildren, and some for herself, she began quilting for others.

Because she has grandchildren attending the Manheim Christian Day School, Nora considers quilting as a contribution to their

education.

For this year's benefit sale, Nora quilted two quilts, "Country Love," and "Multi-Star."

"I almost always have a quilt in. It's hard to tell how long it actually takes because I just do it whenever I have time," she said.

In addition to quilting the two quilts in her home, Nora also quilts with other women from the White Oak Church of the Brethren, which also donates quilts to benefit sales for church schools and relief auctions.

While most people might base the success of sale on whether or not they purchased a bargain, the success of a benefit sale depends on how much is raised to help the Manheim Christian Day School. In its 21 years of holding the sale, the profits have grown from a few thousand that first year to \$100,000.

The auction no longer resembles the one held 21 years ago. From a few hours on a Saturday, the auction has grown to include a Friday evening chicken barbecue and preview to Saturday morning country breakfasts and hundreds of new items donated by businesses and individuals.

The benefit sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 25 and

26.

The Friday night chicken barbecue is from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The auction of plants, pork roll, selected certificates, carpet, and lawn and garden items begins at 6 p.m., culminating with a Winross truck auction at 8 p.m.

Country breakfast of egg omelet and toast or pancakes and sausage with orange juice and coffee will be served from 6-10 a.m.

The Saturday auction begins at 9 a.m. An art auction with a collection of original, limited, and open edition prints will be held at 11:45. At 12:30 p.m., a special features sale includes unique items such as a weekend at a Victorian Bed and Breakfast, autographed sports paraphernalia, and a sugar maple tree planted on the highest bidder's property. A quilt auction of more than 30 quilts will begin at 1 p.m.

Homemade baked goods, soups, ice cream and other food will be sold throughout the day at food stands.

For a brochure or for more information about the school, call (717) 665-4300.

The auction will be held on the school's premises located one mile north of Manheim, Route 72, 5 miles south of Pennsylvania Turnpike Exit 20.

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