

# Ingenuity Promises Successful Benefit Sale

**LOU ANN GOOD**  
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MORGANTOWN (Berks Co.)  
— Benefit auctions used to consist of castaways and a few good pieces. But take a look at what Conestoga Christian School has to offer at its 24th annual country auction to be held Oct. 17-18.

The ingenuity and practicality patrons have shown in their donations shine through in an amazing variety of must-have items that everyone purchases throughout the year.

For example, how many times do you admire colorful flower gardens and wish you could duplicate the effect but don't know how? Here's your chance. To be auctioned is your choice of 10 perennials from Cindy's garden, within a mile of the school.

Other unique items to be auctioned are house cleaning services, decorated party cake when you need it, a time share vacation, dinner for 10, garden lime, concrete blocks, a car, and the list goes on.

Fred and Joanne Good, who head the solicitation committee of 20, put in months of work to make sure that the sale offers something

for everyone.

In addition to furniture, quilts, wallhangings, and other typical items sold at a auction, Joanne said that this year the auction is concentrating on art work. Available art work includes Richard Bollinger's Osceola Mills, wildlife artists Dan Christ's and Ken Hunter's paintings, Susie Riehl's Amish prints, Myrtle Tremblay's pen and ink, Tom Miller's and Todd Ream's renderings of historical buildings, Nicholas Santoleri, and more.

Starting off with a chicken barbecue and craft sale on Friday Oct. 17, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., customers can order take-out through two drive-through pickup areas or eat in the gym and purchase quality handcrafted preticketed items.

Starting on Saturday morning at 6:30, whiffs of pancakes and sausage will float across the school ground during the breakfast that is served until 10 a.m.

Crafts can be purchased as early as 8 a.m. and silent bids for hundreds of gift certificates begins at 9 a.m. Those who place silent bids won't know if they cast the highest bid until 1 p.m., when the bids are made public.

Items sold over the auction block will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The artwork and Winross trucks will be auctioned at noon. At 12:30 p.m., a 1987 Chevrolet Nova will be sold.

Quilts and wall hangings will be sold at 1 p.m. Quilt patterns include Irish Chain and Hearts, Swallows in Flight, Peacock Applique, and Log Cabin varieties.

One of the unique aspects of the auction is that people have donated steers and pigs that are butchered, cut, and frozen in prepackaged lots

from 12-15 pounds. Throughout the day, these meat packages will be sold among specialty items such as sports memorabilia, a hand-made marble roller, a six-foot corner cupboard, and other items.

Plenty of food such as apple dumplings, pies, baked goods, pork roast, soups, and pizza will be available throughout the day.

All proceeds will benefit the fully-accredited school, which has 260 students from kindergarten through 12th grade. The benefit auction is held to help keep tuition

affordable. The Goods, like many of the patrons, said that they send their children to the school because of the role models in teaching and administration.

"We can teach our children spiritual values at home, but we believe it is important that they see these values lived out in teachers and administration," Joanne said.

Conestoga Christian School is located along Rt. 23, one mile west of Morgantown at 2760 Main St.

For more information, call the school at (610) 286-0353.



Joanne Good said that artwork and perennials are only a few of the many items to be auctioned at the 24th annual Country Auction to benefit Conestoga Christian School. The auction will be held at the school on Oct. 17-18.

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