

Auction To Benefit Conestoga Christian School

MORGANTOWN (Berks Co.) — Conestoga Christian School will hold its 26th annual Benefit Auction October 15 and 16, at the school in Morgantown. The annual event features a chicken barbecue and craft sale on Friday, October 15, and the auction on Saturday.

Friday's activities feature the chicken barbecue from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with two drive-through pickup areas. The drive-thru will be open from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for anyone going by the school on Route 23, just west of Morgantown. Complete chicken barbecue dinners and chicken halves will be available for pickup or may be eaten in the gymnasium while visitors preview Saturday's auction items.

For those interested in doing some early Christmas shopping, the handmade craft sale is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. The craft area features a wide range of country crafts and collectibles.

At 8 a.m. Saturday, the craft area reopens and at 9:30 a.m. the main event begins with the opening bids at the auction.

Hundreds of items donated by local businesses, friends of the school and school patrons, provide another opportunity for buyers to bid on unique items such as artwork, quilts, Winross trucks, handmade wooden items, and gift baskets made by each class.

A silent gift certificate auction featuring a variety of services from local businesses gets under way at 9 a.m. on Saturday and lasts until 1 p.m. At 11 a.m., the class gift baskets go on sale featuring the creativity and contributions from each of the kindergarten through 12 classes.

Artwork from artists Dan Christ and Ken Hunter, Gerald Putt, Susie Riehl, Todd Ream, and many others will be featured at noon. A 1982 Dodge 7-Passenger Conversion Van with current state inspection will be sold at 12:30 p.m. At 1 p.m. the quilts, wall hangings, and other

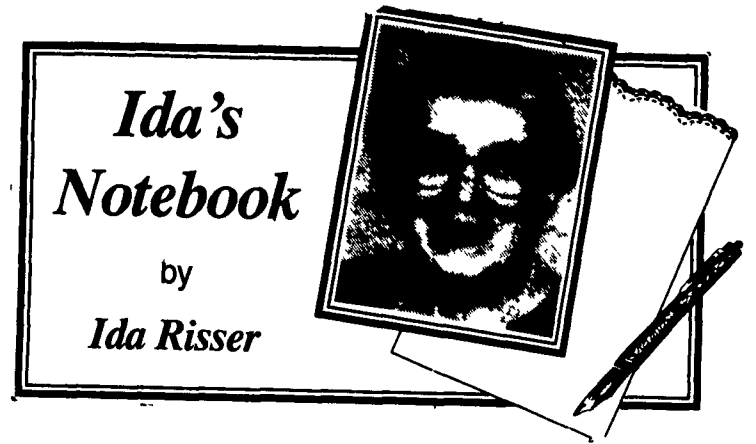
hand-sewn items are auctioned. Quilt patterns include Appliqued Country Love, Log Cabin, Broken Star, and others.

Specialty items such as Longaberger® baskets, a 4-drawer bureau, beef, pork, home-cooked meals and much more are auctioned off throughout the day.

Of course, no country auction would be complete without the food. The food tent menu offers favorites like apple dumplings, pies, baked goods, a pork roast, soups, and pizza.

All proceeds from the two-day sale benefit Conestoga Christian School. Conestoga offers a fully-accredited K through 12 program. Many of the school's 299 students are actively involved in the benefit auction which helps to fund the school's annual operating budget.

Bidder registration begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday. For more information, call the school at (610) 286-0353.



It is surprising to see what rain has done for plants around our house. Even though it is October, the roses have sprung to life and I can gather a bouquet every few days. The dwarf dahlias are full of buds but I fear that most of them will not get a chance to bloom.

The other day I picked lima beans with the help of the three grandchildren. They like to eat the raw beans but I prefer to have mine cooked. They also like to hunt the last of the very sweet Concord grapes too as they are growing and are always hungry. They don't let me go away without handing out a little candy.

The other week I picked up a few buckets of black walnuts. My husband likes the Stabler walnut because it is easy to crack and he can remove the kernel in one piece. He made a contraption with a motor that

will hull the walnuts for him. Then he dries them on a screen after washing them.

We recently attended the 62nd anniversary of an organization that was started in 1937 to entertain and teach rural youth. Hence, the name "Rural Youth of Lancaster County." The group was made up of smaller groups with various interests. There were speakers at monthly meetings and trips were planned to points of interest.

An orchestra was formed, plays produced, seed orders taken, and parties planned where square dancing and round dances were the center of interest.

It was a place for young rural youth to meet for wholesome recreation. And, meet they did, as many, many marriages were made as a result — including my own.

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