

# The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Restoule Volunteer Fire Ladies Auxiliary Pie Auction Sunday July 24th, 2 p.m. at the Community Centre

Well....I don't know quite what I was expecting...but it sure wasn't that!



The Pies before the Auction.

A packed Community Centre witnessed a fun, raucous event with a competitive pie eating contest and an endlessly aggressive bidding process for pies of all types ...apple, blueberry, pecan, sugar, peach, raspberry, strawberry, cherry, lemon meringue, banana cream, coconut cream (getting hungry yet?) and many other treats!!! All in the name of good fun and for the benefit of our Restoule Volunteer Fire Department.

There was well over \$5,000 in pie sales and donations. Resulting in a record setting net profit of \$5020!!

Restoule residents both full time and seasonal generously opened their wallets to support this most important organization.

The Event got under way with the honouring of 100.5 KISS FM's Kevin Oschefski for his 10 years as auctioneer of this event.

He received a beautiful painting of his 2 children done by Restoule's resident artist Paul Walker.



Kevin, his daughter and the painting.

Next up was the pie eating contest.



Early Round Action



Tough going...so the tough got going!

Four clearly qualified pie eaters were seated, covered in a garbage bag from their neck down and turned loose. (No hands were allowed) All four gave an excellent account of themselves.



The youngest easily would have won the "Rookie of the Year" award had one been given out but unfortunately he started to fade when up against the heavy eaters.

The next to fade was going strong up to the half way point of his pie, but then with his face covered in blueberry pie filling, appeared to start questioning just what he was doing to himself. This hesitation cost him. Although clearly a man of wisdom, he just couldn't make up the time his thinking process had cost him. He didn't look very disappointed to end up third.



The final two were in it until the end.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher adopted the technique of eating his pie from the middle to the outside which got him off to a great start but he wasn't able to clean up all the crust from the sides of the pie plate. This weakness in his technique when combined with a slightly greyish look to his face (underneath a covering of pie filling) led him to withdraw just before our champion had taken his last chomp.



The winner was a true champion. A strapping, muscled lad, and a member of our fire department. He looked like he would need a pie just to tide him over until dinner time. He led from the beginning and adopted an outstanding technique of moving the pie plate around with his teeth to improve his eating angles. Clearly this man had been around pie before.



Next came the main event.  
Organized beautifully by Marg Grawbarger with pies baked by so many ladies of our Village.  
This was something to see.



Marg Grawbarger

Marg and Kevin with a few of the pies



Looking Good! Looking Good!

As Kevin Oschefski led the auction, our firefighters walked around displaying the pies to an increasingly hungry audience.

The bidding was fast and furious...\$70...\$90...\$125...\$150...all for the good of our community. At least one generous patron after outbidding others turned around and donated the pie to the person he had just out bid.

There were lots of laughs and so many who generously opened their wallets for this fund raiser. Over 100 pies were sold.

Let's face it folks, when trouble happens "and it don't look good", The Restoule Fire Department will be there for us.

They need all the support we can give them. Hope to see you at next year's event.