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Fundraiser features flannel and fellowship

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The below-zero temperatures Friday night couldn't cool the warm, festive atmosphere at Logging Camp Christmas, a fundraiser benefiting Koochiching Aging Options.

Borderland residents broke out their flannel plaid shirts and suspenders for the pioneer and logging-themed event, which included music, live and silent auctions, raffles, dinner theater skits and songs. Sloughgrass, the bluegrass group from Birchdale, and music director Jessie Laurion provided music, while local businesses and individuals donated items for the auction. Area chef Cynthia Warren and her sisters prepared the traditional meal of soup, rolls, carrots, potatoes, and cobbler desert.

Funds raised at the event go towards supporting Koochiching Aging Options, a four-year-old nonprofit geared to helping Koochiching County's older residents and their families. Programs include the Koochiching Caregiver Consultant Program, Senior Companion Program, Senior Wheels, and Groceries to You! The funds raised account for nearly 10 percent of KAO's annual budget, said Douglas Skrief, KOA executive director.

The event sold out for the third year in a row and more than 100 volunteers helped put the event to-



Logging Camp Christmas features a raffle as well as silent and live auctions, where attendees can win prizes donated by local businesses and individuals.

gether, Skrief said. No Place Like Home Again helped decorate the stage, Rainy River Community College baseball team members helped serve the meal, and the KAO board of directors chipped in as well. Surprise entertainment featured a bagpiper singing carols and a dozen Dancin' with Darcie ballerinas dressed as snow fairies, Skrief said.

Agnes Hendrickson served as the honorary co-chair for the event. Hendrickson is an Indus native with deep ties to the pioneer and logging traditions of the county. Hendrickson's husband Elmer worked for the Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company as a contract logger, first on the Holsum Spur and then at Camp 2 near Big Falls. Agnes cooked for a bunk house of

lumberjacks while raising her family.

Agnes and Elmer also distributed John Deere equipment to local loggers. Agnes ordered and sold parts before eventually returning to school and then working as a social worker at Koochiching County Family Services.

"Agnès baked many a pie for lumberjacks at Camp 2 of the Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company and took many orders for logging equipment parts at the family's John Deere dealership," Skrief said.

Friday night was filled with many laughs, and guests said it helped them get in the holiday season mood.

"One guest said it provided a warm sense of community at a time when the community needs it," Skrief said.



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Jennifer Imbleau, left, and John Cann, man the bar at the Logging Camp Christmas fundraiser. The event raises money for Koochiching Aging Options.



Attendees get in the spirit of the event by donning plaid flannel shirts and suspenders.

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