

Open invitation to live auction, live

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Plenty of one-of-a-kind items—the makings of ideal Christmas gifts—will be up for auction at a fundraiser to be held this Saturday, Dec. 2, in support of Scot Severson, long-time owner of Emigail's Roadhouse.

A sampling of auction items includes an elegant antique Hoosier buffet cabinet; locally-crafted quilts; portable emergency household generator and a year-long membership in the Edgerton-based Exclusive Hunting Club. Or, how about a portable grill paired with a football signed by University of Wisconsin Athletic Director Barry Alvarez and Head Football Coach Paul Chryst.

There will be nature prints numbered and signed by artist Terry Redlin; hand-carved duck decoys; stamped-metal Wisconsin Badgers signs and photos and hats signed by Edgerton's own professional golfer, Steve Stricker.

Of interest to Emigail's many regular patrons, a selection of the restaurant's unique memorabilia will be up for bid-

ding.

Need more persuading to attend: how about golfing for four, with cart, at nearby Coachman's Resort, a package complete with golf bag and commemorative Coachman's clothing. Or, if you're interested in traveling a bit further afield: a one-week time-share at a select warm-weather destination.

Looking for something on a smaller scale? Renee Bernard, who owns Studio 8 Salon in Fort Atkinson, and the stylists there, have baked up thousands of stylish holiday cookies, which they have packed up in boxes each containing 60 cookies, selling for \$30, with proceeds going to the fundraiser.

All of these items, plus much more, will be featured at the fundraiser, which will be held at the Pettit's Countryview Bar, 1801 E. Highway 59, Milton, just east of Newville. Activities will begin at 2 p.m., with a raffle running throughout the afternoon, and plenty of music and food.

The musicians performing include Shelley Faith; Rick and Rise; and the unusually named Pork Sword Unplugged. Musi-



Antique Hoosier cabinet, one of many items that are part of live auction/raffle at the fundraiser for Scot Severson on Saturday, Dec. 2, at Countryview Bar and Restaurant.

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cians will take the stage from 2 to 6 p.m.

Among the food to be featured will be Cajun items that were staples of Emigail's menu—jambalaya, red beans and rice, a unique margarita mix—until the restaurant closed this past May after Severson suffered a severe stroke that

music and return of Emigail's menu

caused paralysis and loss of speech.

Ongoing therapy is enabling Severson's recuperation. However, the costs for this therapy have outpaced his insurance coverage, so the local restaurant community, reinforced by a group of Severson's Class of 1971 Edgerton High School alumni, are hosting the fundraiser.

An organizing committee of about 20 friends and family of Severson's has been working feverishly over recent weeks to ensure the flurry of activity Saturday afternoon and evening goes off without a hitch and accomplishes its goal of raising money to support continued therapy and care of Severson.

And, yes, committee members have been mindful to gather auction and raffle items that participants will consider bidding on as holiday gifts.

But surely the best gift of all will occur when Severson himself arrives at the event, brought there by his family. While he is working to regain verbal communication, much therapy lies ahead to enable him to more fully regain this

ability.

But communication is not just words, and Severson is fully capable of relaying to all, who, either through organizing or attending the fundraiser, have helped him on his path to

healing.

Anyone interested in finding out last-minute details about the fundraiser can go to the Scot Severson of Emigails Benefit Event page on Facebook.



Chico Pope, among a group organizing the Scot Severson fundraiser, stirs jumbalaya to be served at the upcoming event, to be held this Saturday, Dec. 2. Pope, who owns the Buckhorn Supper Club on Lake Koshkonong, is a longtime friend of Severson's, due in part to their similar business interests and as alumni of the Class of 1971 at Edgerton High School.

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