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Heps Custom Cycle, Bedford Moose lodge 480 & Bedford County Food Bank hosted a lively event at the Bedford Moose Family Center 480 on Saturday, January 9, to raise money for local food pantries.

Food banks collect and provide – at no charge – essential food items to those in need. Some even deliver food to shut-ins.

Many area food banks, including Bedford and Everett, and have seen drastically reduced donations this year due to economic conditions in the area. Through this event, the **\$1100.00** worth of food went to help those in need, right here in Bedford County.

This event included a delicious home-cooked ham and roast beef dinner thanks to the Kitchen of the moose lodge 480, and six live performances to please every musical taste.

During the meal, Scottie, an acoustic soloist all the way from Wyoming, crooned through the songs we all know and love – folk, soft rock, popular, even a little country. Numbers like James Taylor's "Carolina in My Mind," and "When You Say Nothing at All" (as poignant as Keith Whitley or Alison Krauss versions) cast a spell on the crowd.

An impressive five-piece bluegrass band, Revised Edition, gave a very tight performance with flawless harmonies with a nice mix of mandolin, acoustic bass, acoustic guitar, banjo, fiddle, and clean, beautiful female lead vocals. Some rousing numbers, a slow dance or two, and a haunting "Seven Bridges Road."

Next up, Midnight Rodeo. These guys live country music and it shows! And small wonder they are the house favorites, with their energetic mix of contemporary country (think Urban, Big and Rich, Adkins . . .), and some Thorogood and Stevie Ray Vaughan thrown in for good measure.

Five O'clock Charlie's set might best be described as eclectic rock. They brought us everything from nasty Jet, to Midnight Oil, to funk, old Rolling Stones, cutting edge Green Day, Pink Floyd – you name it, they probably played it. (And a big shout out to these guys for providing the public address system and drum kit for all the bands, to minimize transition and keep the music flowing.)

SOL showed us the darker side of live rock, offering up some classic metal (i.e. Zeppelin, Metallica, etc.), an unexpected and heavy version of "Copperhead Road" (Steve Earle), and some surprises like "In the Middle" (Jimmy Eat World). Moose revelers loved their cover of AC/DC's "Rock 'N Roll Train."

The momentum built through each show, culminating with Wyld Syde out of Johnstown, PA. These boys have built a fiery following in the Bedford area fanned by edgy but danceable numbers ("Bad Girlfriend," "Figure You Out," "Too Drunk to . . ."), 80's to current. When Wyld Syde plays, there's never a dull moment between the drum solos, front man antics, screaming guitar licks, and girls vying for a chance to dance on stage.

For those ready to dance and in the giving spirit, the evening did not disappoint.

If you weren't able to join the fun, but would still like to lend a hand, contact:
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The Moose organization focuses on camaraderie, shared purpose, and giving back to the community. For more information on becoming a member, call **814-623-1660** or visit <http://www.moosefc480.com>.