



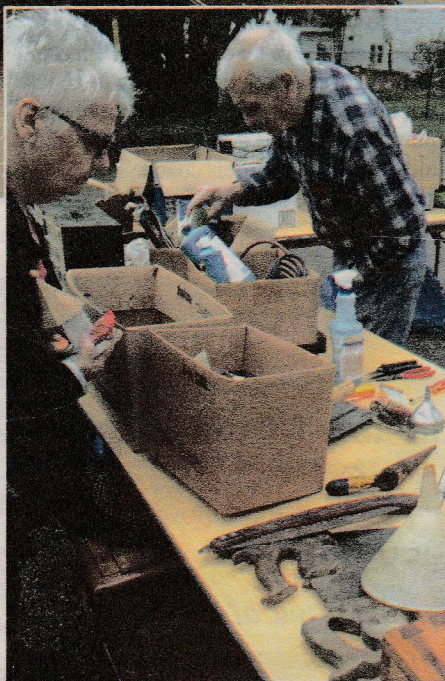
Alden club hosts early fundraiser

By Patricia Maul

ALDEN – Always looking for a way to help the community, the Alden Men's Club (AMC) got an early start on fundraising this year.

The club, which holds an annual garage sale every year on the last week-end of July, held an additional garage sale May 9, at the Methodist Church in Alden.

This event raised more than \$1,300 that will go towards six local food pantries: The Rapid City Food Bank, Bellaire Community Food Pantry, K.A.I.R. Food Pantry, Mancelona Lighthouse Food Pantry, Mancelona Food Pantry and Re-sale Shop, and Ellsworth Good Samaritan Food Pantry. Last year the AMC's annual garage sale held in July raised over



The Alden Men's Club (AMC) held an early garage sale fundraiser to benefit area food pantries recently. The club normally has a sale in July, but extra donations prompted them to have a second sale.

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\$13,000.

AMC president Brian Fields said 'We

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collected the items differently for the sale. We invested in estate sales, the items tend to be higher quality and sold for higher prices."

They also started new ways of fundraising by holding coffee and donut concession stands at various local events, such as, The Trout Festival, The Rubber Ducky Festival in Bellaire, and The Iceman

Cometh Bicycle Race.

The AMC has been conducting the garage sale since the early 80s.

Leo Barber, a long time member said "In 1988 The Alden Methodist Church built the garage and they use it specifically to help the Alden Men's Club hold these sales every year."

This year they ran out of storage and decided to have the extra garage sale. It helped make space for

July, when not only is the garage full of items, but the entire parking lot fills up and they have several large white tents set up on the entire church property. That sales is scheduled for July 25 from 8:30 a.m. To 2 p.m. at the Alden Methodist Church.

For more information about the club contact Fields at 231-518-4066 or visit aldenmensclub.org.