

**UHRICHSVILLE GROUP HOSTS ANNUAL RIB BURN-OFF**

# ONE TASTY MOOSE



■ (From left) Judges Eric Harmon, Tracy Bolitho and Greg DiDonato sample the goods before declaring a winner at the second annual Rib Burn-Off Challenge at the Uhrichsville Moose on Saturday. TIMES-REPORTER PHOTOS HANK KEATHLEY

## 'It's a great place in the community'

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**UHRICHSVILLE** The Loyal Order of the Moose held its second annual Rib Burn-Off Challenge on Saturday, and drew a crowd with two changes from last year's event.

Administrator Buck Cottrell moved the action outside to the grassy back yard of the lodge at 418 N. Main St., and booked the Moonlyterz to play in the evening. The band packed the house.

Live music is one of the

reasons LuAnne Jackson, of Uhrichsville, finds the lodge a good place to go for a night out "without having to travel to Canton or something."

She and her husband Tim went to the rib burn-off after a day of motorcycle riding.

They are first-year members of the lodge, having joined at the invitation of their friends, Buck and Dawn Cottrell.

"It's a great place in the community to be able to come," LuAnne said. "They



■ Michelle Fortney (third overall), Rob Fortney (second overall, first People's Choice) and Travis Berry (first overall) were presented awards by Buck Cottrell at the second annual Rib Burn-Off at the Uhrichsville Moose on Saturday.

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have bands here all the time. They have dinners here all the time.”

Bands play during steak dinners, she said, and there are special activities like karaoke nights.

Karol Vosick, a member of Women of the Moose, made the macaroni salad for Saturday’s burn-off. She took time to play, too, winning two games of cornhole in the late afternoon.

Wendy Matthus, a member since February, is a fan of her cooking.

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It has also donated money to the police and fire departments, Dawn said.

Matthus credited Buck with increasing lodge membership over the past year. The building

has been painted inside and out. Patio lights have been hung.

Dawn’s friend from Massillon, Joshua Clay, is a member, even though there are a lot of places to congregate between here and his Stark County home. There are other fraternal organizations, too. The Elks are a block away.

Neither moose nor elk contributed any actual bones to the burn-off.

In officials’ judging, first place went to Travis Berry, second to Rob Fortney, and third to Michele Fortney. Rob Fortney also took the People’s Choice Award.

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