

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT EVENT

By Kathy Vogel

Cinderella would be jealous.

A bevy of Green High School beauties were belles of the ball at the second annual "Girl's Night Out Event" held on the 11th at the high school.

"The girls truly felt like princesses for the night," said Sue Ciccolini, PTSA Member and Event Organizer.

After years of watching perfectly-good formal wear taking up space in her closets, Ciccolini decided to do something about it. Why not put the gowns up for auction and give other young ladies the chance to purchase something lovely?

Over the past few months, Ciccolini and other volunteers collected approximately 200 dresses. And the event was as promised-- a night of fun and fashion.

Raffle tables with goodies from Mary Kay Cosmetics, Main Street Fashion Jewelry, All Stars Tanning Spa and more greeted bidders and their families, as well as a complimentary beverage and hors d'oeuvres.

The inside of the auditorium was a little fantasy world. The stage was decked out in floor to near-ceiling colorful balloons, and snowflakes were suspended from the ceiling. Great party music pumped through the sound system.

And then, there was the fashion show emceed by Senior Corey Muller.

For about an hour, the girls and their escorts modeled a sample of the dresses up for auction. Some were timid, others "worked the stage." All of them looked fantastic for the show, thanks to members of the community who donated their time and skills to make the girls catwalk-ready.

"The neatest part was backstage (before the show), seeing all the girls have their hair and makeup done," Ciccolini said.

Jackie Carris, owner of Creative Designers on Route 619 in the Portage Lakes, closed early and brought her staff to work its coif magic. Mary Kay Makeup Consultants Polly Eppley and Lori Sexton did the makeup.

The hair and makeup complimented the dresses, which ranged from vintage to classic, flirty to unique, and every imaginable color under the rainbow.

After the fashion show, participants were allowed to view all the dresses before placing their bids. The most expensive dress of the night sold for \$225.

"It was a beautiful yellow, full, princess-like gown, perfect for prom," Ciccolini said.

A total of 51 dresses were sold, raising over \$2,000. Half of the proceeds went to a single mother in the school community. The dresses that didn't sell were donated to another charity.

"Altrussa gives girls that can't afford prom clothes a whole outfit, including shoes, jewelry, hose and a purse," Ciccolini said. "It makes me feel good that we can even help out by giving dresses away."

