Here’s (Amish) mud in your eye!

(Lancaster, Pa.) Overheard: “They may call it a mud sale, but mud is about the only thing NOT being sold here.”

Unique to Lancaster County, Amish mud sales are community auctions benefitting local fire companies, and are named for the condition of the thawing ground in late winter & early spring.

Held on Saturdays in small towns all over the county, primarily from late February through mid-April (with a few are sprinkled in May, June, and August), they provide a natural opportunity to mingle with our Plain neighbors as they help to run the sales, or enjoy a fun day full of great deals and PA Dutch eats themselves.

The huge range of items for sale includes kitchen sinks, along with hand-made Amish quilts and furniture, antiques, toys, livestock, handcrafts, buggies, clothing, farm equipment, housewares, and more. And all of it sold at up to six simultaneous auctions at various locations ‘round the grounds and firehouse, which makes for a truly captivating experience (BRIEF VIDEO).

Whether you’re bidding or just browsing, an additional treat is the hearty and delicious PA Dutch fare on offer, like chicken corn soup, funnel cakes, pot pie, birch beer, sticky buns, chicken barbecue, and lots of hot cider and coffee. Trust us – the eats are almost as good as the finds.

You can’t get more authentic in Lancaster County than our annual mud sales season.

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