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About 50 people who attended the Chase County Road Show at the Chase County Museum in Champion Sunday learned that condition and scarcity are more important than age when it come to antiques.

Lloyd Michael of Michael Auction Service of Julesburg, Colo., appraised items that the audience brought. They either wanted a value or wanted to find out more about the object.

Everything from a gas lamp to a violin, jar of marbles, teddy bear and toy tractors were exhibited.

A Regal guitar brought by Melda Musick had more sentimental value to her than real dollar value, Michael said, because it belonged to her father.

A galvanized gas can brought in by Jeanine Cox was probably manufactured in the 1920s to 30s, and was worth between \$15-20, Michael said.

He added that what an item brings fluctuates from week to week. What's hot now, such as crocks, may turn cool soon, as dolls have.

Buffalo guns

On Sunday, July 7, John Johnston will discuss the history of buffalo rifles.

Johnston became interested in guns at a very young age, as his father was a gun enthusiast.

Because he buys, sells and trades weapons, the total number of guns in his family's collection varies.

Most of his weapons come from the Chase County area.

The show begins at 1:30 p.m. The museum is open until 4 p.m. Sunday.