

Cornwall Police auction huge success

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The Cornwall Community Police Service held their annual police auction with the help from Theresa Taylor Auctioneering, to great success. Everything went in the auction, which contained both items from all cases closed as of the night before the auction, Friday, April 20, as well as items from the police offices themselves.



Theresa Taylor auctioned off 187 items, which included bicycles, computers, televisions, recording video cassette tapes, cds, cameras, iPods, tools, hunting gear, jewelry, purses, safes, sporting equipment, a boat with a motor, and a ski-doo trailer.

“Everything goes,” said property officer with the Cornwall Police Danielle Lauzon. “All the proceeds from the auction stay within the community. They go to the police board who then decides where they will go.”

The Saturday afternoon auction drew the largest crowd in years, topping last year’s attendance. The event is advertised as a family event, hoping to draw in parents with kids looking for bikes at a low price, as bikes are the main item in the auction. Though not as numerous as past years, the bikes presented a wide selection.

Lauzon also added that though they get a large number of unclaimed bikes to auction off, the police service also runs a registration program.

“You can register at the police department or online,” said Lauzon. “Once you register the serial number with us, if the bike is reported stolen and we find it or it comes up in the lost and found, we can return it to you right away.”

“It’s a first experience for a lot of people,” said Taylor, commenting on the large crowd. “Auction is now a household word. We usually get 100 to 200 bidders, and we’ll have that at least today.”

Taylor has run the auction for the Cornwall Community Police Service for seven years, with great success every time.

The bidders lined up well past the door, delaying the start of the auction so as to give everyone a fair chance on the items. Once registered, the bidders had a chance to take a look at the items, test out the bikes and see if anything interested them.

“I bought a three-wheeled tricycle last year,” said Donald Henderson, a bidder who sat eagerly in the front row. He pointed out a red bike on display as one of the items he was planning to bid for that afternoon.

“We’re looking at a bike and maybe an iPod,” said Courtney VanDermeer, attending with her daughter Emma Marijan.

Also on the lookout for a bargain was Kimberley Monsinger. “I’m here just out of curiosity, see if there’s anything here,” said Monsinger.

With bidding underway, the crowd certainly wasn’t shy to show interest, and items were quickly sold off.