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## Lambrecht Car Auction

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PIERCE, NE - The headline in the Lincoln Star Journal, read "Sale of a Lifetime." We're talking about the Lambrecht Auction in Pierce, Nebraska, this weekend where thousands of car collectors from all over the world gathered in a field to bid on close to 500 vintage cars. And for them, it was like a field of dreams.

It sounded like any other auction, but this one was special. An estimated 20,000 people descended upon a small Nebraska town. Some came to buy; others to watch history.

A time capsule of cars and pickups, once owned by Ray Lambrecht with 0 to 10 miles on them, were sold off one by one.

"It has three miles on the odometer," auctioneer Yvette VanDerBrink said.

"They're pretty crazy, some of the prices," Lisa Bessmer of Emporia, Kansas, said.

Lisa Bessmer and her son drove up from Kansas to help out with the auction, but also to bid.

"I don't know if I want to or not with the way things are going, but it would be nice to end up with something to take back home," Lisa said.

"We're thinking about it, but right now a lot of things go pretty high," Thomas Bessmer said.

Some of the cars were selling between \$10,000 and \$140,000.

Even the History Channel was here to film a documentary.

"Everybody back up; you need to back up," VanDerBrink said.

"Didn't really expect all of this to be honest," Thomas said.

But for car collectors and the curious, the two-day auction drove a lot of people down memory lane.

"It's pretty easy hobby to get into. Everybody has a memory of a car; pretty awesome to see this many people here," Thomas said.

It wasn't just cars being sold. For instance, yardsticks with the Lambrecht Chevrolet logo on them

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