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The Last Of Lambrecht

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PIERCE, NE - It's been one month since the much talked about and well publicized Lambrecht Auction in Pierce, Nebraska and people are still talking about the time capsule of cars that sold for big money.

While the focus of the auction was on the vintage cars, the auctioneer captured major headlines and instant fame herself.

But the little Nordstrom girl from Garreston would be the first to tell you, her success didn't happen overnight.

An estimated 25,000 people from 25 countries and 49 states attended the Lambrecht Chevrolet Auction last month in this small midwestern town.

They were here to bid on vintage cars with 0-10 miles on them.

But Yvette VanDerBrink of VanDerBrink Auctions says all that publicity also brought about a lot of rumors of who was there and who wasn't, including the owner Ray Lambrecht.

"They got this guy dead about five different times, that Jay Leno bought everything and that we really didn't sell it to anybody, you know just all kinds of crazy stories, and they're not true? No no," Yvette VanDerBrink said.

VanDerBrink wants to set the record straight. She says Lambrecht is still alive and the auction did register 10,000 bidders from around the world, but none of them were celebrities.

"John Travolta was there and I believe he was, but we never did see him, he didn't register, but he and Tim Allen did land in Sioux City, that was confirmed," VanDerBrink said.

The auction may be over, but the sales haven't stopped.

"It's the talk, I mean you go on ebay, people are selling their bid cards, they're selling my fliers, they got other cars that say 'not Lambrecht or like Lambrecht, it's still crazy," VanDerBrink said.



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reformit to also drying to track down bladers. There are sell to ears that

need to be picked up before November 1, otherwise, the cars will be either sold again or crushed.

"We have a gentleman who was an online bidder that bought 14 vehicles between day one and day two, we've been in communication with him and had truckers coming, had wired confirmation, had wired cancelled," VanDerBrink said.

That bidder from New York still owes \$52,000.

"If you look at the viewership we had, we were in every newspaper, magazine, the History Channel did a three hour special, all the media, he can't really hide under a rock," VanDerBrink said.

VanDerBrink can't hide from her new celebrity status either.

"I just did my job, we do this all the time," VanDerBrink said.

Only not with this many people or this much worldwide attention. For VanDerBrink it's paying off.

"The first 12 years were the hardest for me to get any career going, because I was the only woman who owned a company doing this type of stuff," $VanDerBrink\ said$.

She admits she had to prove herself in a guy's world.

"I had a stalker, death threats, we had to get a private investigator to find out who this guy was that was following us, I got poked, squeezed, grabbed, kissed, hugged, punched and eventually when they started seeing the results that we were getting, then they recognized we were doing something different than everybody else was," VanDerBrink said.

There were also rumors she was paid a million dollars commission, which she says isn't true. VanDerBrink says she can't tell me how much money she made on the auction, but for her the payoff is more than just monetary.

"After 12 years when we were done that first day about midnight, I actually was, I just couldn't believe it, because it was kind of an accumulation of 12 years of hard work that paid off," VanDerBrink said. "I think they kind of know that broad from South Dakota knows what's she's doing I think."

In the end, the Lambrecht Auction netted about \$2.8 million.

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