“Police Auction Deemed a Success”

A total of $3700 was raised at the City of Norfolk Police Division auction that was held Thursday, July 9. According to Captain Mike Bauer, 156 people from as far away as Shickley, Nebraska, obtained numbers to buy a variety of items including cameras, winter coats, vehicle seats, DVD players and jewelry.

The most popular items, however, were the bicycles. Over 50 were sold with some of the nicer ones bringing $110-$175.

“We were really pleased at the turnout for our auction. Throughout the year we accumulate a lot of abandoned and stolen items that no one claims. This is a good way to clear out our storage shed,” Bauer said.

Although the money from items put on the auction from other divisions goes to the city’s general budget, $3197 of the total, by Nebraska State Statute, goes to the Norfolk school system.

Bauer said that there will probably be more auctions, depending on how many items accumulate again at the police division.

“We are always surprised by the number of bicycles that are never claimed. To be able to find your bike in case it does get stolen, go to the City Offices at 309 North 5th Street and register it. You’ll get a sticker on the bike that identifies it as yours,” Bauer said.

The cost for registering a bike is $2 with all bike registrations expiring on April 30 of each even numbered year. Information needed for a bike license is the owner’s address and the bike’s brand name, color, wheel size and serial number. If a serial number can’t be found, a number will be issued by the City Clerk’s office. A bike registration form can be found on the city’s website at www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/administration/city_services_and_fees.htm.