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## ACROSS THE AUCTION BLOCK

### Toy tractors harvested sizeable bids at Sheridan sale

BY WILLIAM FLOOD

LESLIE, Mich. — Collectors of farm toys and diecast vehicles had a field day on March 2 during Sheridan Realty and Auction Company's toy tractor and shop tool liquidation auction. 540 lots were offered online via bid.com, spanning everything from a vintage horse-drawn buggy to hundreds of diecast tractors and vehicles, to enough tools to fill a garage.

The auction's calling card was toy tractors. More than 160 lots held models in every scale from 1/16 to 1/87, from makers like ERTL, Toy Farmer, and company



**Above:** This lot representing 18 models of International tractors garnered \$181.50.

brands like Case.

The highest sum for a model tractor lot went to a complete set of 18 vintage 1/64 scale International Harvester toy tractors. The collection sold for \$181.50 on 21 bids. Coming close at \$170.50 was a new-in-box ERTL 2005-era Oliver 2655 Tractor in 1/32 scale. A 1/16 scale, Firestone branded 1970-

**Right:** Multiple scales of model tractors were offered, like this ERTL 1:16 Allis Chalmers that sold for \$71.50



72 Massey Ferguson diesel 1150 went for \$154. It was new-in-box, complete with a disc attachment, and had its serial number document.

Not all the tractors

went for such outstanding bids. Many bidders picked up models for under \$10. Among them was a lot of three that

went for the opening bid of \$5. It contained a 1920s antique Case, a 70s-era International, and a fertilizer tanker attachment.

Another auction draw was the 230 lots of diecast model vehicles that

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## FEATURE

### Step right up and win the lucky lady a walking stick

BY LARRY LEMASTERS

Carnival midways are a place where the lights are always flashing and the barkers are always calling for people to come play a game for a chance to win a



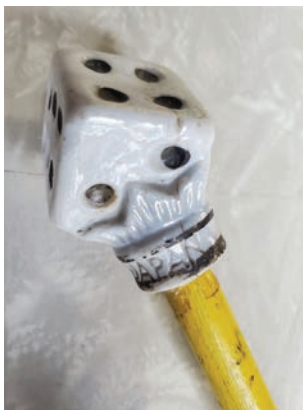
**Above:** Rare, Mickey Mouse carnival/circus walking stick, circa 1930s, that is made of wood.

prize.

The term "midway" originated at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893, which actually served as a type of world's fair. Midways have always been separated from the rides and exhibition halls at carnivals.

Eventually, all children and adults who are children at heart want to try to win a carnival souvenir. Carnival game souvenirs have become highly collectible over the years. One such collectible is carnival walking sticks, which were short, about 34 inches long, for children to use but long enough for adults to cherish as a token of their trip to the carnival.

Carnival walking sticks, often called carnival circus walking sticks, since the same walking sticks were sold at circuses, were designed to capture a child's curiosity. Children could use these



**Above:** Antique, carnival walking stick, circa 1940s, with a ceramic dice handle that is inscribed "Japan." This antique cane is 34 inches long and valued at \$40.

walking sticks as real walking sticks or canes, but these flimsy walking sticks lacked stability and would often snap if downward pressure were applied.

Beginning in the 1930s, barkers would wear straw hats, red vests, and red arm-garters while waving carnival walking sticks in the air. Shouting, "Step



**Above:** Vintage, plastic topped circus walking sticks with dog, dice, and baseball handles. These plastic topped canes are valued at about \$5 - 10 each and were manufactured in the USA as replicas of Japan's porcelain head circus walking sticks.

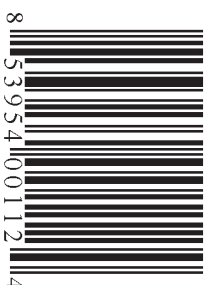
right up folks and try your luck. Three balls for a dime; how can you lose?" But lose most of them did. Still, if you were able to knock over the milk bottles (or whatever other game the barker had going), you could walk away with a carnival walking stick.

In the 1930s, these walking sticks were

"Made in Japan" with porcelain heads as handles. Famous cartoon characters such as Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck adorned these sticks. By the late 1940s, celluloid (plastic) dog heads topped the walking sticks along with other circus animals such as elephants, and by the late 1950s to early 1960s, carnival walking sticks

were made of wood with a painted wooden handle.

Today, these walking sticks are highly collectible, especially the ones considered cross-collectible such as Mickey Mouse, elephants, and celluloid. These sticks make interesting wall displays, reminding owners of times and places that are now lost to history.



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# Sheridan

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included everything from trucks and semis to race cars and even snowmobiles. As with the tractors, a spectrum of scales was represented, from Matchbox-type 1/64 scale to shoebox-size 1/18. Many were new-in-box.

The auction's highest figure for a diecast vehicle went to a 1/24-scale Danbury Mint 1972 Chevrolet Cheyenne pickup truck with a Danbury title. 18 bids took that to \$412.50. Another Danbury Mint vehicle, a 1957 Dodge Sweptside D100 pickup sold for \$115.50. Yet another Danbury pickup truck - a 1957 Chevrolet Cameo Carrier with its title - went for \$71.50.

The lineup of diecast vehicles included antique cars, which don't attract



**Above:** Measuring nearly three feet, these pressed steel Texaco airline fuel tanker trucks are always popular. This one sold for about half of normal market value at \$38.50.

much attention these days. Yet, old-time vehicle models did quite well at this sale. A Danbury Mint 1/24 scale 1931 Ford Model A Pickup grabbed \$71.40 and a Danbury 1931 Chevrolet roadster pickup came in solidly at \$44. Even a collection of eight antique car banks did nicely at \$66.

As with the tractors, there were plenty of diecast vehicles acquired for moderate bids. For exam-

ple, a lot with a pair of 1/32-scale truck banks in original boxes - a 1942 Chevrolet delivery truck made by Liberty and a 1940 Ford pickup originally sold by Tractor Supply went for the opening bid of \$5.

Not everything on wheels was a scale model. Four pedal cars attracted plenty of attention. A blue Ford 6000 Commander pedal tractor in good condition sold for an impressive \$1,210. A contemporary pedal fire truck went for about 3 times its market value at \$412.50 on 22 bids, while a 1966 International Harvester pedal tractor, in as-found condition with worn paint, reached \$330.

Not surprising, a handful of full-size commercial vehicles commanded the



**Above:** Among the pedal cars was this recent model Instep fire truck. It climbed to \$412.50 on heavy bidding.

auction's highest bids. The auction's top bid of \$4,180 went for a 2002 PACE former Matco Tool sales trailer with two roof A/C and heater units, steel drawer storage and shelves, and an Onon Cummins quiet diesel 7500 generator. Bidding was competitive, sometimes jumping by \$500 per bid. A Layton Bunk House travel trailer, weather-damaged but restorable, went for a modest \$577.50.

For the mechanic, 54 lots of tools were available. The variety was considerable. It included power tools like a Campbell Hausfeld air compressor (\$104.50) and a die grinder (\$33) as well as hand tools like a Lufkin fiberglass long tape measure (\$22) and a collection of chisels (\$5).

Several interesting one-off items rounded out the sale. Two noteworthy ones were a vintage



**Above:** Gasboy pumps were compact and often used on farms. Bidding went to \$302.50 for this one in as-found condition.

GasBoy 190 farm gas pump made by William M. Wilson's Sons in Lansdale Pennsylvania. Seventeen bids landed \$302.50. An old horse-drawn buggy attracted intense bidding among

three prolific bidders; one took the rig home for \$302.50.

Sheridan has scores of upcoming farm and equipment auctions. For information visit: [www.sheridanauctionservice.com](http://www.sheridanauctionservice.com)



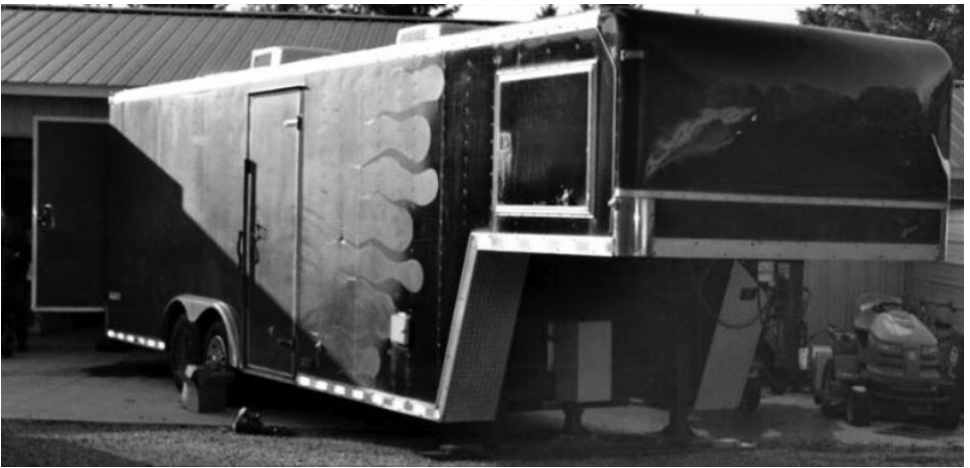
**Above:** Bucking market trends, model old-time cars did well at this auction. This Ford Model A pickup sold for \$71.50.



**Above:** Some old farm machinery and implements were on the block. A handful of buyers really went after this antique horse-drawn buggy.



**Above:** Four pedal vehicles were sold. This Ford 600 Commander pedal tractor hit \$1,210.



**Above:** Once a rolling dealership for Matco Tools, this 2002 PACE trailer was nicely outfitted, complete with a generator. It got the auction's highest bid of \$4,180



**Above:** In addition to model tractors, there were plenty of model implements and farm machinery. This John Deere set went for \$88.



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Sun., Mar. 26, AAA Straight Up Auction Service, Coin, Buchanan, MI

Sat., Apr. 1, Art Smith Auctions, Estate, Stanton, MI

Sat., Apr. 1, Dales Auctioneering Service LLC, Lawn Mower, Auto, Zeeland, MI

Sat., Apr. 1, Jay's Auctions, Farm, Mendon, MI

Thu., Apr. 6, Art Smith Auctions, Farm Retirement, Bailey, MI

Sat., Apr. 8, Dales Auctioneering Service LLC, HH, Auto, Zeeland, MI

Sat., Apr. 15, Art Smith Auctions, Tractor, Jeep, Newaygo, MI

Sat., Apr. 15, Miedema Auctioneering, Consignment, Hudsonville, MI

Thu., Apr. 20, Art Smith Auctions, Farm Retirement, Grand Rapids, MI

Thu., Apr. 27, Art Smith Auctions, Personal Property, New Era, MI

Sat., May 6, Art Smith Auctions, Vehicles, Sporting, Grant, MI

Sat., May. 6, Dales Auctioneering Service LLC, Spring Farm Consig., Holland, MI

## ZONE 5

Sat., Mar. 25, Americana Auctions, Miscellaneous, Grand Ledge, MI

Sat., Apr. 1, Yutzy's Auction Service, Hay, Straw, Firewood, Charlotte, MI

Sat., Apr. 15, Yutzy's Auction Service, Hay, Straw, Firewood, Charlotte, MI

Sat., Apr. 29, Americana Auctions, Miscellaneous, Grand Ledge, MI

## ZONE 8

Wed., Mar. 29, Chupp Auctions & Real Estate LLC, Farm Toy, Shipshewana, IN

Thu., Apr. 13, Polk Auction Co., 3 Day Tractor, New Paris, IN

Tue., Apr. 25, Strawser/Real Estate Sails, Inc., Tool, HH, Equip., Howe, IN

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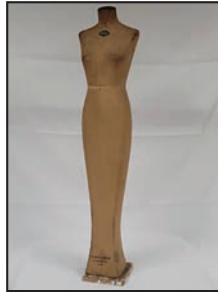


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# Bollheimer makes MAA history with double award

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. — Ridge Bollheimer of Clarklake, Michigan, won the titles of Michigan Auctioneer Champion and Michigan Ringman Champion for the year 2023. This is the first time that one contestant has won both competitions in the same night. The Championships took place on Feb. 3 at the Michigan Auctioneers Association Annual Conference held at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Mount Pleasant. The five Finalists in the Auctioneer Division were Kurt Mingerink (Byron Center, MI), Caleb DeKorne (Cedar Springs, MI), Ridge Bollheimer (Clarklake, MI), Colt Johnson (Clare, MI) and Darby Walton (Upper Sandusky, OH). For win-



Above: Sid Miedema, right, was awarded the annual President’s Award of Distinction. His son, Jordan, who is the president of the MAA presented the award.

ning the title Michigan Auctioneer Champion, Bollheimer received a championship buckle, trophy, and he will compete in the International Auctioneer Championship in July in Oklahoma City, Okla. The contestants were judged by accomplished auctioneers, including National Auctioneers Association Director, Mike Fisher, International Auctioneer Champion, Bryan Knox,

Left: For the first time in MAA history, the same person won both the Michigan Auctioneer Champion and the Michigan Ringman Champion. Ridge Bollheimer took that honor.



Above: Auctioneers and Ringmen were honored at the recent Michigan Auctioneers Association annual conference. From left to right are Colt Johnson, Darby Walton, Ridge Bollheimer, Bradley Stoecker and Greg Holiday

Michigan champions Art Smith and Doug Sheridan and perhaps the world’s most recognizable Ringman, Sam Grasso. The Michigan Ringman Championship contestants were judged on four categories: Crowd/Buyer Interaction, Performance,

Relaying Bids and Communication with their Auctioneer, and Appearance/Presence. Also taking home honors were Brad Stoecker (Dimondale, MI), 1st Runner Up, and Greg Holiday (Belleville, MI), 2nd Runner Up.

Ridge Bollheimer was born and raised in Clarklake, Michigan. He was first introduced to the world of auctioneering at a young age, while attending many livestock and machinery auctions

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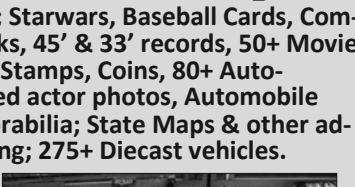



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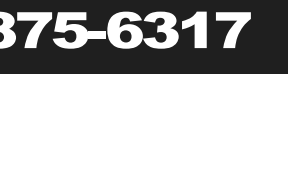





















































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# Ice saw chopped its way to \$140 and museum home

BY KARIN MILLIMAN

CONCORD, Mich. — Tim Bos Auctions & Appraisal Services LLC brought together two partial estates to present a very interesting auction. There was something for everyone and it was hard to find a seat once the crowd had settled in.

A one-handed large ice saw was an unusual item. It had been in the same family for generations and was used to cut the ice from the lake in squares so it could be sold. Bos said he had an absentee bid for this item from the local Concord museum and the bidding was off. The final bid was \$140 and the crowd clapped enthusiastically as Bos confirmed that it would indeed be owned by the museum.

Another feature in this auction was a 1901 Jackson plat map book. Since this sale was held in Concord, Mich., just outside of Jackson, this piece drew a lot of interest. A lot of potential bidders were standing in line waiting for a chance to see this collectible piece of history. It was in decent condition considering the age and one had to be very careful if you turned the fragile pages. A final bid of \$360 brought the gavel down to pronounce it sold.

A Bernina Aurora model 440 sewing and embroidery machine had many



Above: Auctioneer Tim Bos is busy watching the crowd for bids.

people studying it carefully. It was complete with accessories, owner's manual, and foot pedal. This quilter's edition machine was used only once and sold for \$650.

Guns always draw a lot of attention and the ones offered at this sale were no exception. A Winchester 278 Model thirty-seven was a 28-gauge rifle. It sold for \$1,400 and was the star of the ammunitions category. A Moore and Company double barrel was sold for \$120 while a Hopkins and Allen Arms single shot sold for \$110. A Winchester Model twelve, 12-gauge 2 ¼, #1040147 brought a competitive bid of \$550 and a Ward Hercules Model eleven, 16-gauge A911829 sold for \$130.

A two-seater child's school bench was a popular



Above: Selling for \$310, this oak cupboard still had the original wavy glass and could be used in just about any room in the house.

lar item. This wooden piece brought a high bid of \$65 before it was sold. A press side parlor table was quickly sold for \$200. A beautiful cherry side table with a batwing pull brought a bid of \$30 and was quickly carried out the door. A tilt-top table was small in size and sold for \$18 while a fern stand with a round top and twist support sold for \$40.

Left: This Bernina Aurora model 440 sewing and embroidery machine was used only once. It took a high bid \$650 to own it, which is about half of what it would have cost if it was purchased new.

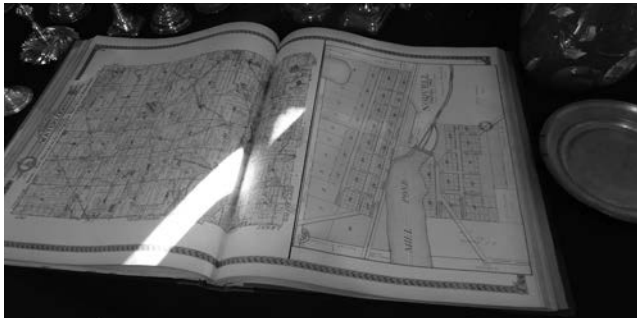


Above: Mantel clocks have always been popular and this one with the columns looked stately. It sold for \$100.

A sideboard was in mint condition. This oak piece had two glass doors on top which still had the original wavy glass that showed the age of the piece. With two smaller drawers below the display top and two doors under that, this was a useful piece that could serve in just about any room in the house. It brought a final bid price of \$310. An oak table with sides that fold down came with two stools. The entire set sold for \$100.

A four-piece set of Kindle bedroom furniture kept raising in price. Bos showed where the hidden drawer was in the dresser while the bids kept coming in. The hammer fell on this gorgeous set at \$460. It consisted of a dresser, a bed, and two nightstands. A stacked unit of four glass-door bookcases sold quickly for \$425. An oak ice box that was all original and in great condition sold for \$220.

Keeping with the useful furniture, a very unusual pair of chairs was put on the auction block. Bos



Above: This large Jackson plat map dated 1901 was a great piece of Jackson history. It sold for \$360 to the highest bidder.

announced that these had been put in the attic in the early 1970s and had been stored there ever since. These were a pair of vintage MCM Castelli Plia chrome and Lucite folding chairs. There was a bit of damage on the chrome legs on one chair from sitting in the attic for years, but that could be addressed and these would make a great conversation piece. It looked like you would be sitting on nothing but air as they were clear Lucite. The pair sold for a bid of \$100.

A large Waterford cut glass vase brought a bid price of \$50. Two smaller

Waterford vases sold for \$30 and \$10.

A vintage large round speaker didn't look like much sitting on a dresser. But it was obvious several bidders noticed and knew what it was when the bidding started. It took a bid of \$110 to win this one.

And a wood stove which had been used in a garage for over 50 years was offered up. It was in all original condition and brought a bid of \$240 before it sold.

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## MAA

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with his father. Bollheimer continued to enjoy the energetic atmosphere of auctions and the world of outdoorsmen, as he showed 4-H in his scholastic years, became an avid hunter, and went on to attend Jackson College and The Ohio Auction School. He received an Associates Degree in Business Administration and completed the program for auctioneering. From selling his toy animals to his family, to preparing 4-H livestock for sale to the local communities, and finally to taking the stage himself, auctioneering has always been a strong passion for him.

Ridge launched his offi-

cial auctioneer career when joining the Michigan Auctioneers Association and continued his devotion for the outdoors with the purchase of his own farm, Lane View Farm, located in Lake Somerset, Mich. His seasonal dedication to Legends Ranch as a whitetail hunting guide, and the founding of Sunshine Acres sunflower fields with his fiancé Lindsay Meckley keeps their entrepreneurship moving forward. At just 26 years old, Ridge has been a member of the Michigan Auctioneers Association for 6 years and has continued to engage in strengthening his auction services while competing for the MAA. Achieving both the Auctioneer and Ringman Championship in the same night was a dream come true. His goal for

this year is to expand his footprint to the communities of fundraising and benefits, while continuing to improve the abilities of his services while promoting the auction industry.

### Sid Miedema honored

Also during the conference, Sid Miedema, an esteemed business owner, and professional auctioneer, was awarded the annual President's Award of Distinction. The annual recognition is awarded by the President to the "most influential member of the Michigan Auctioneers Association."

Miedema co-founded Miedema Auctioneering in 1984. Today, Miedema Auctioneering has grown into Miedema Asset Management Group, which consists of Miedema Auctioneering, Miedema Appraisals,

Repocast.com, Orbitbid.com, LastBidRealEstate.com, OAS, RangerBid.com, SSL Corp LLC, and OrbitBidCharity.com. Annually, the companies conduct over 500 auctions and appraise millions of dollars worth of assets. He is a licensed real estate broker and is regularly sought after to conduct educational seminars for his colleagues throughout the United States. Currently, Miedema serves as the President of the National Auctioneers Foundation.

Miedema is a first-generation auctioneer who served on the Board of Directors and became President of the Michigan Auctioneers Association in 1992. He was crowned the grand champion of the Michigan Auctioneers Championship in 1995.

In 2005, he received the highest honor of his professional career by being inducted into the Michigan Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame.

Miedema is a great businessman who puts his employees, clients and customers first. He taught his children work ethic by getting them up early to go to auctions and like many auction kids, running clerk sheets as early as age 5. He has taught his family and employees the importance of being a member, attending conferences, taking something back with you, and implementing them. "...being honest, and a Christian is more important than making money. He is very involved in the church, Christian schools, and many other organizations. He is a great role

model and Christian example, and someone I look up to and truly aspire to be like," said his son and the 2022 President of the Michigan Auctioneers Association, Jordan Miedema, CAI, CMA.

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