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Bailey 5th grade students Kyle Terry, Samuel Cunningham, Jansen Spann, and Jordan Walters discuss placing a bid on 'Bailey Principal for a Day' in the silent auction. Reagan Robinson, Bailey 5th grade student, was top bidder and will take her place as principal for a day this fall.

## **\$37,000 Raised for North Lamar Scholarships**

Paris, TX, October 19, 2009 – The North Lamar Education Foundation (NLEF) hosted its annual fund-raising event on Saturday at the Love Civic Center. Supporters filled the civic center and bid on live auction items ranging from naming a street on the North

Lamar campus to vacation get-a-ways to autographed sports memorabilia. A total of \$37,000 was raised for scholarships.

Top bidders included Carl Miller who gave \$1,500 for a week condo stay in Driggs, Idaho, Superintendent James Dawson who paid a total of \$1000 for a Dale Hansen Golf package and the Sandwich, Etc. Pie of the Month, Mike Winkler who gave \$700 for the 24th Street Café Thursday Night Dinners for Two, and Craig Durham who won the Guided Duck Hunt for 4 for \$650 donated by the Harrington Ranch. NLISD Board President Gary Hilliard once again was top bidder on the BBQ Dinner for 20 while Board Secretary Brad Perry won the bid for the 2009 Autographed NL Panther Football Helmet. Other items in the live auction included a color printer donated by Professional Business Systems that Brad Drake won at \$750, naming a NL Street sign won by Johnna McNeal, a Dallas Mavericks package won at \$525 by R. K. Hall, and an autographed Nolan Ryan baseball won by Guaranty Bond Bank. Mindy Dority won the Buffalo Joe's gift certificate.

Proceeds from the live and silent auctions totaled \$17,000. Sponsorships, donations, and ticket sales totaled approximately \$20,000.

Bailey Intermediate's Marimba Ensemble led by Jenene Cannon opened the night with selections played on the xylophones followed by 5th grader vocal guitarist Brock Garrison. Jam Entertainment and musician, Wayne Lowe, presented a variety of songs from Motown, 50's- 60's Country, Elvis, and the Blues.

Lisa Thompson and Stephen Smallwood were each recognized for being named NLISD Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year respectively. Other teachers in the district recognized were Cherie Murdock, Kimberly Johnson, Jenny Dority, and Kim Perry.

Chad Fleming won \$500 cash after his card was drawn last from a deck of cards purchased throughout the night for \$20 each. Card holders were randomly eliminated all through the night.

Established in 1998 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, NLEF was formed to inform parents and students of the benefits of obtaining an education at the next level. As a parent, grandparent, property owner, or business owner, the on-going involvement and support are vital. Contributions made to the foundation provide an integral link to the quality of education students can receive after high school. Scholarships may be used at Junior Colleges, Colleges, Universities, and Vocational and Technical Schools.

Contributions to the North Lamar Education Foundation may be given through general donations, memorials, honorariums, fund-raisers, endowments, and planned giving. All donations are tax deductible. Donations are accepted year round and may be sent to the North Lamar Education Foundation at 3201 Lewis Lane, Paris, Texas 75460.

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