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Auction and Raffle Net \$220,000 for Saint Albert

Despite a difficult economic environment, Saint Albert's "Knight for the Kids" benefit auction and "Go Green" cash raffle earned a \$220,000 net profit for the Catholic school system.

According to Jim Rouse, president of Saint Albert Catholic Schools, although the result was below the budget target for the fund-raisers, he was pleased with the outcome given the current economy.

"Our extended Saint Albert family once again rose to the challenge to support these two major fund-raisers," Rouse said. "We certainly are blessed by the hard work of our event coordinators and volunteers, as well as the generosity of the school, staff and community."

About 650 people attended the 29th annual benefit auction and 2,488 tickets were sold for the raffle.

Mike Davis was the grand prize winner of the raffle, winning \$25,000. When Davis claimed his prize, he said he was "absolutely shocked" to win. He plans to pay off some bills, and then is going to "put the rest of the money in the bank and just think about what to do with it for awhile."

The \$5,000 second place winner was Melissa Williams, whose children currently attend Saint Albert. The 3rd-5th place prizes of \$1,000 each were awarded to Dwain Pedersen, Dr. Steve Black and Russ Kurth.

Saint Albert Schools is the only Catholic grade school and K-12 system in the State of Iowa or Nebraska that is both state and regionally accredited. Committed to the teachings of the Catholic church, the mission of Saint Albert Schools is to foster spiritual, moral, physical and intellectual growth for all students.