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Let them buy cake Auction benefits NWW

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The good news?

The record-setting \$175.00 bid that Fred Hager made for a cake, at the Ninemile Wildlife Workgroup (NWW) Cake Auction, still stands.

The better news?

The second annual cake auction was another resounding success, with at least one of the deserts that crossed the auction block breaking the \$100 barrier.

In addition to providing his services as auctioneer, JR Strand added a little cowboy poetry to the festivities this year – something that brought applause, and cheers of appreciation from the bidders.

To open the event, Eleanor Danesh told those who had gathered in the Historic Nine Mile Ranger Station that the Workgroup had finally been awarded official 501(c)(3) Non Profit status – that the money spent to purchase the delectable desserts would be tax-deductible.

Don't be afraid to bid high and bid often, was the admonition given to all of the bidders throughout the evening by both Danesh and auctioneer JR Strand.

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Stay away from the Cheesecake Dale...Rebecca Shoemaker and Dale Chik have a little fun during the Nine Mile Cake Auction.

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In a good natured manner the people seemed to take the request to heart, as the Chronicle noticed that there were some pretty young children placing bids in a fervent manner – with parental supervision of course.

In addition to tasting an identical sample of each delicious auction item, the audience participated in a raffle – frequently trading friendly bidding barbs, knowing that everything they did was done to protect area wildlife, and support the workgroup's efforts.

Some even stayed to listen to the music provided by Hardly Housebroke – a duo that included this reporter on vocals and guitar; and Vic Stampley on Harmonica.