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Doorknob collection turned \$1,150

BY NANCY KELLY

NORTH LIMA, Ohio — When asked recently why he doesn't retire, auctioneer and real estate broker Paul Basinger enthusiastically said he is still having fun. At age 81 his career spans decades. His friendly, high-energy personality keeps both buyers and sellers happy. After conducting in person auctions for many years, his company now sells exclusively online, and he reports great success with it. A recent 529 lot auction contained a wide variety of quality items in excellent condi-**Left:** This 1950s vintage windup tin toy Ratchet Robot Nomura left for new adventures with a final bid of \$260.

tion. Prices here do not include the buyer's premium.

The leading performer of the day was a fascinating selection of vintage Sargent and Company brass doorknobs and lock sets taken from now a closed Canadian Hotel. The former owner had spent thousands of dollars purchasing and polishing this handsome collection which consisted of 58 handles and 8 locks. Their beauty was obviously appreciated, as they drew a final bid of \$1,150.

Other elegant furnishings were also popular at this sale. An eye-catching antique French Vernis Martin Vitrine style display cabinet standing 45 inches tall featured a painting of a woman play-



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Above: Here is one example of a vintage Sargent and Company brass doorknob that was part of a set of 58 pieces. The lot drew a final bid of \$1,150.

of musical instruments and art related items

ing a lute on the front painted on the metal door, country scenes on rimmed top. The intricate the sides, and a selection design and excellent con-

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FEATURE

Bonzo still a favorite with collectors

By Larry LEMASTERS

British comic strip artist George Studdy created Bonzo the Dog, a fictional cartoon character, in 1922. During the Roaring 20s, as people lived for whimsy, Bonzo the Dog quickly rose in popularity until he became the star of one of the world's first cartoons. Bonzo's fame was the perfect launching pad for mass-marketed merchandise, which both adults and children desired. Bonzo the Dog collections began overnight, and more than 100 years later, there are still Bonzo collections.

Sketch magazine hired Studdy in 1912 to pro-

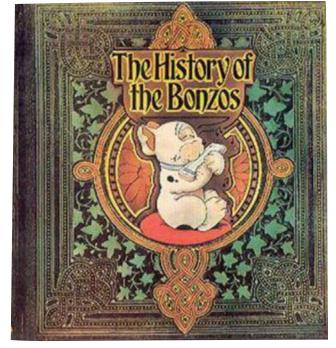
Left: This replica by Steiff 2009 of a 1927 Bonzo the Dog is hand painted and numbered 669/750. It is valued at

Right: This Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band history album is valued at \$252.

duce a weekly full-page cartoon drawing. Bonzo appeared in several of Studdy's sketches throughout 1922, becoming one of the magazine's favorite cartoons. When World War II

broke out, Studdy was hired by Gaumont to produce a series of short war films called "Studdy's War Studies." Bonzo appeared in several of these films. If you want to see a war film starring Bonzo the Dog, look for "Bonzo the Dog cartoon" on YouTube. The cartoon is old and not very well done, but it is a sure sign of the times it was made in. Wanna-be Bonzo collectors will not want to miss this cartoon.

Bonzo the Dog's fame spread across the sea,

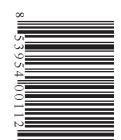


and he appeared in several American magazines, Tit-Bits, including Fantasio, and The American Weekly.

All dog lovers loved After World War II Bonzo the Dog. He was a white, chubby terrier pup who grew into a white,

chubby terrier dog with small black spots on his body, a droopy face, a stubby tail, saggy skin, and nearly closed eyes. When they were open and he was in color, he had

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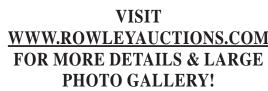
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Doorknobs

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dition helped it earn a final bid of \$550. A massive 96 inch tall by 72 wide antique inch armoire featured hand panels carved and accents, beveled mirrors, and brass hardware. The unit consisted of a base, three cabinets, and was set off with a decorative top. The delighted buyer

Right: A beautiful Franklin Mint leaf brooch consisting of nine diamonds surrounded by maroon enamel accents finished with a final bid of \$320.

took it home with a final bid of \$310. For an extra splash of color there were three lovely antique Art Nouveau stained glass transom windows. They featured floral



Above: This massive antique armoire displayed many attractive features that sent it home with a final bid of \$310.



Above: A graceful figure standing next to a clock while holding a rose highlighted a Chappe A'Paris 19th century French gilt ormolu figural mantel clock which was claimed with a high bid of \$190.

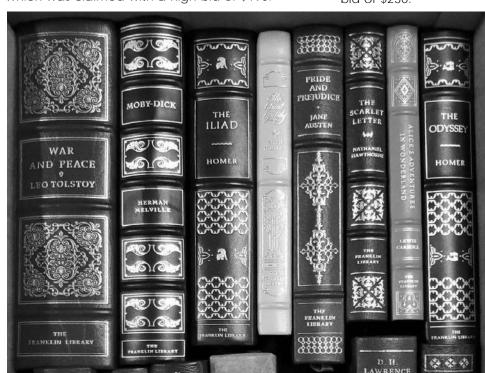


images and other abstract forms produced in pink, lilac, turquoise, and blue. Each measured 44 inches wide by 25 inches tall and they left for a final bid of \$290 per window.

and other Books provided ephemera ample opportunity for buyers in that field. Leading the way, a set of 30 Franklin Library Collection Books included Moby Dick, War and Peace, The Iliad, The Scarlet Letter, The Adventures Huckleberry Finn, and several more great works of literature. Each book was bound in leather and printed with 24K gold on the spine. This selection was claimed with a final bid of \$525. Local history buffs showed up for a box containing Mahoning county maps from 1939, City of Youngstown arterial highway system books dated 1956, an Atlas of Columbiana county from 1902, and other related gems. It required a final



Above: An ornate sterling silver House of Igor Carl Fabergé Firebird musical egg in royal blue closed with a final bid of \$230.



Above: Here is a small selection from the 30 leather bound Franklin Library Collection Books that were claimed as a set with a final bid of \$525



bid of \$480 to claim these references.

In a category by itself, a beautiful Franklin Mint leaf brooch commanded attention. It consisted of nine diamonds which made up the stem. They were surrounded by a graceful leaf pattern consisting of maroon enamel and the entire pin was mounted in gold. It was stamped FM81 on the back. The stones tested positive as diamonds on the Presidium Gem Tester but were not verified by a jeweler. This beautiful accessory left with a final bid of \$320.

Elegant antique clocks were also available for purchase. A 19th century French Bonhams brass and marble gilt style clock featured a smiling cherub suspended below the clock on a swing. A polished white marble base supported this timepiece which displayed Roman numerals on the face. It was taken with a final bid of \$270. A graceful figure standing next to a clock while holding a rose embellished a Chappe A'Paris nineteenth century French gilt ormolu figurmantel clock. Consisting entirely of the gold colored finish, this beauty was claimed with a high bid of \$190.

Fabergé eggs were also represented at this multi-faceted event. A lavish sterling silver House of Igor Carl Fabergé Firebird musical egg in royal blue was quite a treat to see. Dated 1987, it was stamped .925 sterling and was offered in the original felt lined display case. It closed with a final bid of \$230. This popular item was complimented by an11-piece Fabergé Imperial jeweled egg collection by the Franklin Mint, complete with stands. This appealing collection of ceramic and porcelain decorated eggs consisted of finely detailed designs, each one unique. They sold together for a high bid of

A vintage Hires Root



windows that were claimed with a final bid of \$290 each.



Above: The intricate design and excellent condition of this antique French Vernis Martin Vitrine style display cabinet helped it earn a final bid of \$550.

Beer wood barrel dispenser drew an enthusiastic response. The barrel had a metal tap on the side, an inner liner, and the sign on the front was clean and intact. It read "Hires Root Beer since 1876. With roots, barks, herbs" It stood 30 inches tall, and the wood frame was in very good condition. It required a final bid of \$400 to claim this prize.

Vintage toy collectors or fans of space-themed collectibles were delight-

ed to discover a 1950s vintage George G. Wagner #4528 windup toy Ratchet Robot Nomura. This tin toy was made in Japan and stood about eight inches tall. It was reported to be in super clean working condition as the seller was the original owner. The robot left for new adventures with a final bid of \$260.

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Above: It required a final bid of \$400 to claim this vintage Hires Root Beer wood barrel dispenser.

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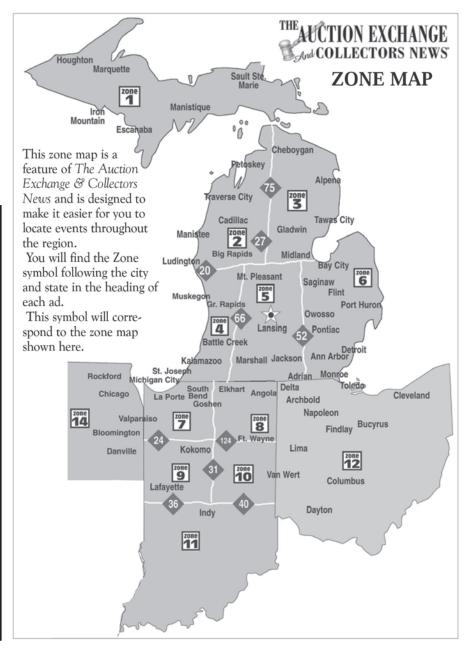
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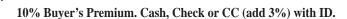
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Bonzo

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big blue eyes that added to his cartoon appeal. His stubby, expressive ears were his best feature, and they communicated his feelings to his adoring audience whether in print or film. He had one white ear and one black ear, which served as his yin and yang. Studdy used Bonzo's face and ears to show all of his emotions. including when he is excited, perplexed, or surprised. Bonzo's vivid emotions made him an instant hit with his followers.

A few of Studdy's most famous Bonzo the Dog launched in 1924 at sketches include, "Bonzo discovers Bonzosaurous egg," "Bonzo recognizes a lost brother," "Bonzo finds a

trace of his ancestral courage in an old tapestry," and "Bonzo finds his Father – and wonders where the cash went." These four sketches were drawn in 1924 as part of Studdy's sketch series "Bonzo in search of his forefathers."

Jack Buchanan introduced Bonzo the Dog on stage in 1923 in "Battling Butler" London's Adelphi Theatre. Next, he appeared in "From Dover Street to Dixie" at the London Pavilion. George Atterbury played the part of Bonzo the Dog in a specially sewed velvet dog costume in both productions.

Bonzo's film career Marble the Arch the Pavilion with the premier of the first of 26 cartoons, "Sausage Snatching Sensation." And while



Above: Bonzo the Dog figural salt shaker, circa 1920s, that is made with Alpacca silver. This Bonzo is valued at \$220.

Bonzo the Dog never truly competed with Mickey Mouse "Steamboat Willy," Bonzo cartoon films were of equal quality to the early Mickey Mouse films.

Finally, Bonzo the Dog was hired as an advertising mascot for Crosley Pup, an affordable, mass-produced AM radio introduced and sold by Powel Crosley Jr. in the United States in 1925. For a tie-in with the radio, Bonzo the Dog wore a set of headphones his ears. Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC has a paper mâché Crosley Bonzo the Dog on display. These Crosley Pup radios are still highly cross-collectible.

During the 1920s, bookstores, department stores, and toy stores were all selling Bonzo collectible merchandise. This merchandise was

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Above: Bonzo the Dog composition dog by Joseph Kallus, circa 1928. This Cameo dog was offered on eBay for \$1,750.

mass-produced and manufactured in England, Belgium, America, Denmark, France, Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, and Japan. Basically, wherever five and dime merchandise was made, Bonzo was made.

Bonzo merchandise that is still sold and collected on secondary markets includes badges, pins, celluloid figures, Steiff stuffed Bonzo dogs, coffee tins, Royal Doulton figurines, Valentine & Sons postcards, Dean and Son's annuals, and the Richard Dennis China collection.



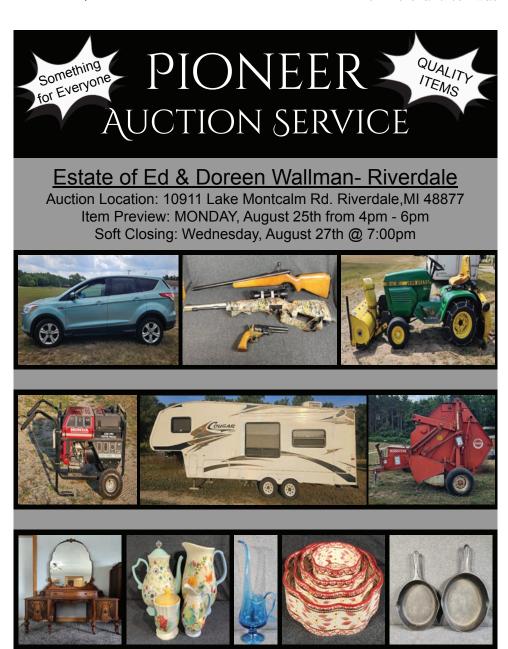
Above: Bonzo the Dog carnival chalk ware figurine that is over 7 inches tall.

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Above: This Bonzo the Dog liquor nipper bottle was made in Japan and is valued at \$130.



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Lincoln Buy-Way, World's Longest Yard Sale converged in northwest Ohio

By WILLIAM FLOOD

The weekend of August 8-10 brought a unique opportunity for treasure hunters and antiques shoppers: two of the nation's largest regional yard sales the Lincoln Buy-Way and the World's Longest Yard Sale — intersected in Van Wert, Ohio, in the northwestern corner of the state.

experienced one of these Lincoln Buy-Way Sale. massive regional events, picture a yard sale that spans hundreds of miles, sometimes crossing multiple states. These extended shopping experiences were designed not just for bargain hunting, but also to boost local tourism and highlight the unique appeal of small towns and scenic byways.

This year marked the For those who haven't 20th anniversary of the

Below: A good-condition vintage foot locker was priced at just \$1

Its namesake, the historic Lincoln Highway, was the first paved transcontinental road in the U.S., that eventually spanned 3,000 miles from New York to San Francisco, earning the nickname "the Main Street of America." The Buy-Way sale originated along Ohio's stretch of the road, organized by the Ohio Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor. It

has since expanded into a roughly 800-mile event crossing through Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa. Thousands of vendors now set up booths in barns, driveways, and roadside lots, attracting shoppers from across the country and even from around the world eager to experience a slice of Americana.

The Route 127 Corridor Sale, better known as "the World's Longest Yard Sale," is approaching its 40th anniversary. The five-day event spans approximately 690 miles and runs through six states: Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama.

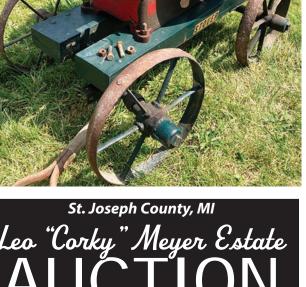
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Below: An antique hit-and-miss engine (\$400) sold early on Thursday.



Above: A bull-shaped weather vane was priced around market value, at \$200.







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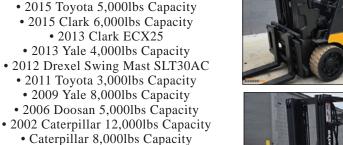
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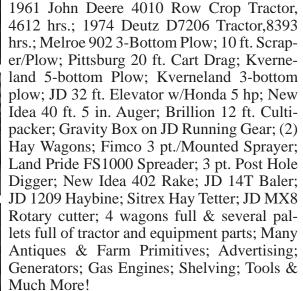




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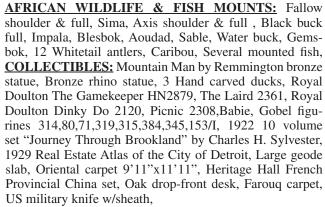
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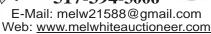




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Lincoln Buy-Way

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That sale originated in Jamestown, Tenn., where a former county executive envisioned a tourism initiative aimed at drawing travelers off the interstate and into the heart of rural America. Over the years, the sale has become a nationally celebrated event, rivaling major antique shows such as Brimfield.

What set this year apart was the overlap of both sales on the same weekend. The convergence turned Van Wert, Ohio — where the Lincoln Highway and US Route 127 cross — into a unique hub for shoppers. From the heart of downtown, one could head east or west along the Lincoln Highway, or north or south on US Route 127.

Festivities for each sale began Thursday morning. Many vendors now regularly open by 8 a.m. and stay open until sunset. For both buyers and sellers, Thursday has become one of the busiest days, offering prime early-bird opportunities before the larger weekend crowds roll in.

While many sellers set up every year or return to favorite spots, the sales always bring fresh faces and unexpected treasures. Handwritten signs and arrows point down country roads to barn sales or into quiet subdivisions hosting community-wide events. Along the main routes, shoppers encounter everything from individual



Above: A collection of vintage aviation training items was offered for



Above: A barn sale included a collection of old Amish buggy wheels, available for \$50 each.

garage sales and church fundraisers to sidewalk sales at local shops and sprawling fields that resemble full-scale flea markets. With the paths stretching for hundreds of miles, seasoned shoppers often come well-prepared driving SUVs or vans, sometimes even towing trailers — treating it as a multi-day road trip. It's not uncommon to meet travelers from as far away as Florida or Texas. Still, for those who live nearby, the experience can be enjoyed as a local day trip.

Whether browsing in someone's driveway or a bustling community field, the excitement comes from the thrill of the hunt. Antique seekers might uncover "barn find" antique furniture, primitives, or Depression glass. Vintage enthusiasts could find mid-century modern décor or retro kitchenware without the urban prices. At an estate sale, collectors may unexgic toys to autographed sports cards. Bargain hunters are just as at home — items priced at \$1 are common, and there are even plenty of freebies to be found. At the same time, serious shoppers will encounter high-end antiques and collectibles, with some pieces priced in the hundreds or even thousands.

The treasure at these

events isn't always what gets loaded into the trunk. These sales offer a chance to experience the charm of small towns and rural communities. This year's route may have lured many buyers to Van Wert, but they also experienced nearby small towns like Celina, Delphos, and Paulding. Along the way, there were milkshakes at the local dairy bar, volumes tucked away in local bookstores, and stories shared at VFW cookouts. One moment it's horse-trading at a yard sale; the next, it's savoring coffee in a repectedly stumble upon stored historic building everything from nostal- or touring a small rail-

unplanned experiences are what make $_{
m the}$ shopping spree even more unforgettable.

For those already looking ahead, there are a variety of resources to help plan next year's shopping venture on either the Lincoln Buy-Way or World's Longest Yard Sale:

The Lincoln Highway Association (lincolnhighwayassoc.org) offers detailed maps and historical context, while organizations like Ohio's Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor (historicbyway.com) and the Indiana Lincoln Highway Association (indianalincolnhighway.org) provide travel brochures and online guides.

The official website for the 127 Yard Sale (127yardsale.com) includes interactive maps, a directory of major vendor stops (with 25+ sellers), and information on local accommodations. Their Facebook page also shares real-time updates, weather alerts, and regional highlights during the event.

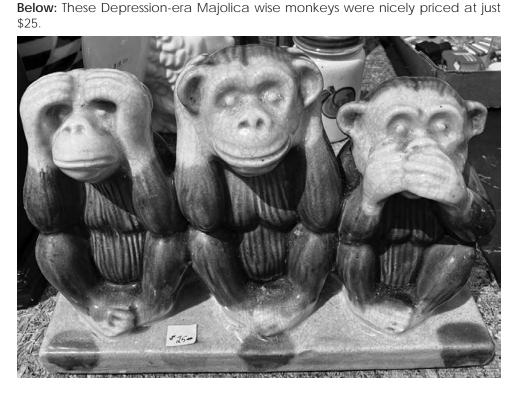


road muse- Above: One seller had a booth of military uniforms dating back to um. Those World War II, priced from just \$25.

Below: This early 20th-century dresser (\$75) is typical of the kinds of antiques found along rural portions of regional yard sales.



Below: This very interesting maker's plaque was offered for \$80.





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