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## ACROSS THE AUCTION BLOCK

### Cougar Fuels pump fueled up bidders with \$28,000

BY RICHARD JUNGER

VALPARAISO, Ind. — Imagine pulling into a gas station only to discover that the gas pumps

were inside a building and out of your view? All that was visible were hoses and nozzles hanging on a wall and circular meters that supposedly showed how much gaso-

line was being pumped.

Most early 20th century motorists had to rely on the honesty of station owners and the accuracy of their pumps when they filled up. Visible pumps, introduced around 1918, used graduated glass cylinders to show customers the quantity and quality of gas they were purchasing.

A rare example of a restored Cougar Fuels two-cylinder Monarch visible pump mounted on a single pedestal sold for \$28,000 at a Kraft Auction's 50th anniversary event in early February. Auctioneer

**Left:** A customized 7-foot single-sided porcelain Texaco "tomahawk" neon sign was hammered at \$6,000. [Courtesy Kraft Auctions]

Jonathan Kraft rated it as an "incredible opportunity."

The dual cylinders made it possible to dispense two different grades of fuel, necessary as refiners began offering a higher-octane gasoline starting around 1930. Cougar Fuels could have been a mid-California regional jobber eager to capitalize on the newer, more expensive premium brand in the mid-1930s.

A customized circa 1950 7-foot single-sided porcelain Texaco "tomahawk" neon sign was hammered at \$6,000. A metal housing (can) and neon were added to the original to make it less advertising and more of a 21st century piece of functional sculpture.

An original 4.5 by 4.5 foot-double sided porcelain SOCONY Mobilgas



**Above:** A circa 1956 F. L. Jacobs J56 vendor with a unique dark blue dashboard sold for \$5,000. [Courtesy Kraft Auctions]



**Above:** A two-cylinder visible Cougar Fuels Monarch pump mounted on a single pedestal sold for \$28,000. [Courtesy Kraft Auctions]

Shield sign with Pegasus that sold for \$3,000 was slightly older, dating to the latter 1940s. Both it

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## FEATURE

### The peddler was the delivery service of its time

BY LARRY LEMASTERS

Not long ago, I was antiquing in The Antique Barn in Abingdon, Va., when an unusual metal object caught my eye. I picked it up to examine it closer, when a man standing nearby stated, "That's an old steel bobbin case for a sewing machine."

Stamped on the bobbin case was a patent date of August 1885 on it.

Later I searched the Internet for a steel bobbin case, and I found one on Etsy. These bobbins were manufactured for Wheeler & Wilson sewing machines in the late 1800s. Bobbins such as these would have been hard to find for a rural

seamstress, so traveling tin peddlers would have carried them for sale. An interesting side note: Wheeler & Wilson manufactured and sold two million sewing machines in America in the last half of the 19th century, so peddlers, no doubt, sold many bobbins.

Peddlers became, essentially, America's first door-to-door salesman in the early to mid-1800s when New England tinsmiths began manufacturing items in greater quantities than they could sell. A huge market for their goods existed in rural communities and westward into areas that were simply known as wilderness areas.

Peddlers specialized in carrying small items that were invaluable people on



**Above:** Excellent, historic illustration, showing a peddler on top of his well-stocked wagon, offering his wares to village women.

the edge of rustic, developing counties. Some of the goods a peddler carried for sale included sewing threads, needles,

jackknives, tin ware, pots and pans, textiles, brooms, and even knock-down chairs.

Many 19th century

itinerant peddlers did not receive cash for their wares. Selling during this period of time often

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**Above:** Itinerant peddler and his two-horse cart that is stocked nearly as well as some small stores. This photo, circa 1895, belongs to the Connecticut Historical Society.



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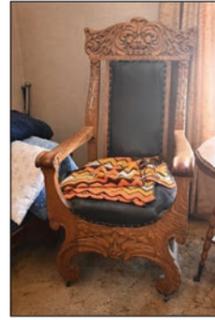
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# You don't have to go into the woods to collect Little Red

BY KELLY SULLIVAN

"Once upon a time, there lived in a certain village a little country girl, the prettiest creature who was ever seen. Her mother was excessively fond of her, and her grandmother doted on her still more. This good woman had a little red riding hood made for her. It suited the girl so extremely that everybody called her Little Red Riding Hood."

French author Charles Perrault was 69 years old when he set the story of Little Red Riding Hood to paper in 1697. The son of a lawyer, Perrault laid the foundation for a new genre of literature – the fairy tale. Short stories usually having some basis in folklore, the fairy tale is often a comfortable home for elements of myth, magic, and enchantment. Perrault's story of the ill-fated Little Red – titled in his native language as "Le Petit Chaperon Rouge" – was contained in his book "Histoires et contes du temps passe, avec des moralites" – known in English as "Stories of the Past with Morals." The book was

otherwise known as "Contes de ma mere l'Oye" – or "Tales of Mother Goose" and included the stories of Sleeping Beauty, Puss in Boots, and Cinderella.

The moral of Little Red Riding Hood, according to Perrault, was to be on the alert for gentle wolves who pursue attractive, well-bred young girls, as those types of wolves are the most dangerous of all. In the story, Little Red's mother sends her out to visit her grandmother, who is ill, to deliver some little cakes she has made and a little pot of butter. Little Red dons her scarlet hooded cape and sets out with the packed basket. As she makes her way through the woods, she crosses paths with a wolf who asks her where she is going. When she responds that she is on her way to visit her sick grandmother, the wolf questions where the grandmother lives. "It is beyond that mill you see there, at the first house in the village," Little Red tells him.

The wolf offers to visit the ailing grandmother as well, then suggests they make a game of it. He tells Little Red to take one path while he takes

another and see who arrives there first. Racing quickly, the wolf arrives at the grandmother's house first and knocks on the door. When the elderly woman inquires as to who is there, the wolf identifies himself as Little Red. The grandmother instructs him to pull the bobbin in the door and lift the latch. He does so and enters the small house where the grandmother is resting in her bed. As the wolf has not eaten in three days, he immediately consumes the grandmother in one swallow.

Little Red, who has taken the time to stop and pick some flowers, arrives at her grandmother's house a short time later. She knocks on the door, and the wolf – who has costumed himself in some of the grandmother's clothing and slipped into her bed – softens his voice to ask who is there. When Little Red says her name, the wolf instructs her to pull the bobbin and lift the latch. "Put the cake and the little pot of butter upon the stool and come get into bed with me," the wolf tells Little Red when she enters the house.

Little Red climbs into the bed and begins to notice strange things about her grandmother. "Grandmother, what big arms you have!" she announces. "All the better to hug you with, my dear," the wolf replies. "Grandmother, what big legs you have!" Little Red exclaims. "All the better to run with you, my child," the wolf tells her.

"Grandmother, what big ears you have!"

"All the better to hear you with, child."

"Grandmother, what



**Above:** The Little Reckoner six-puzzle set and mathematical teacher's aid, manufactured by German Litho 1800s, courtesy of Vic's Antiques

big eyes you have!"

"All the better to see you with, my child."

"Grandmother, what big teeth you have got!"

"All the better to eat you with!"

With one gulp, the Big Bad Wolf ingested Little Red Riding Hood.

The disturbing tale has been rewritten and adapted over the years. It has been the subject of poems, short stories, novels, comic books, musical recordings, video games, films and television shows. In happier versions, a woodsman arrives to cut the wolf open and free Little Red and her grandmother from the confines of his stomach. Other adaptations have the wolf eating the contents of the food basket instead of humans, or being successfully chased away from the grandmother's house.

The story of Little Red Riding Hood was the influence for the 1966 song by Sam Sham & The Pharaohs "Li'l Red Riding Hood," the 1987 Broadway musical "Into the Woods," the 2005 animated comedy "Hoodwinked," the 2007 video game "The Path," the 2011 ABC series "Once Upon a Time" in which American actress Meghan Ory plays Little Red, and the 2013 novel "Scarlet" by American author Marissa Meyer.

Cape Cod resident Ann Connell Bergin has been collecting Little Red Riding Hood memorabilia since 1969, after the birth of her first daughter. "When I saw a Madame Alexander Red Riding Hood doll in a department store, it pulled me in," Bergin said. "I was very drawn to it and that's when it dawned on me that Red Riding Hood was the last Halloween outfit my mother had made for me before she had my sisters." With six children, Bergin's mother had become too busy to keep making costumes. "So I treasured that Little Red Riding Hood outfit for a very long time, wearing it for the next three or four Halloweens," she continued. "I even tried a few times to wear it to school

when my mom wasn't looking!"

Bergin believes that her most valuable item in the collection might be of German origin. "I have a feeling it may be a porcelain Red Riding Hood figurine because she's dressed identically to the famous Kathe Kruse of Germany, and was sculpted by Sofia Kruse, the daughter of Kathe."

Bergin's collection is displayed in cases of various sizes her husband has made to hang on the wall of their home. She presently manages the public Facebook group 'Red Riding Hood Collecting' where members can share information and photographs regarding their hobby.

Another Little Red Riding Hood collector, Stephanie Clayton, has donated her collection to the University of Connecticut Library, located at 405 Babbidge Road in Storrs, Connecticut. She and her husband presented the collection to the library's Thomas J. Dodd Research Center in 2012. It includes assorted media, stuffed animals, dolls, porcelain figures, a fabric puppet and a clock.

The value of Little Red Riding Hood items, like most collectibles, depends on their rarity. A very rare Little Red book with crepe features on every page, published by B. Wilmsen of the Philadelphia Print Company around 1890, is valued at around \$295 – which is a steal considering a 1915 lift-the-flap book about the hooded miss – published by the L.W. Walter Company – could take a \$599 investment to be had.

A 1949 Little Red doll, by Italian designer Lenci, is valued at about \$499. The doll stands about 12 inches tall and features mohair braids and hand-painted eyes. An unopened Barbie & Midge 'Red Riding Hood & the Big Bad Wolf' doll set from 1964 could fetch nearly \$750. Opened and used, the set is going for around \$569.

An antique four-pound,



**Above:** The Little Reckoner six-puzzle set and mathematical teacher's aid, manufactured by German Litho 1800s, courtesy of Vic's Antiques

cast iron doorstep depicting Little Red and the wolf can be found at auction for a going price of about \$1,595. Five-pound heavy metal bookends with the two characters emblazoned upon them, manufactured by the Kronheim & Oldenbusch Manufacturing Company prior to 1940, can be found priced in the range of \$595.

A 1949 Little Red set consisting of a cookie jar, salt and pepper shakers, creamer and sugar bowl is rare in its entirety but readily obtainable by the piece. The complete set is typically valued at around \$440. A late 1800s Staffordshire porcelain vase showcasing Red, was manufactured in England, stands 8 inches tall and can be had for approximately \$199.

A vintage Little Red postcard, valentine or View Master Reel can be purchased for as little as \$5, while vintage patches, records and ornaments can be found for under \$10. The world of Little Red Riding Hood has been spinning for centuries – creating a wide spectrum of collectibles for every fairytale lover's budget.



**Above:** 1957 Ceramic and porcelain children's mug, manufactured by Moschendorf of Bavaria, courtesy of Jae Park



**Above:** 1940s Wooden puzzle, 12 by 9 inches, courtesy of Aaron Sultan



**Above:** 1899 The Game of Wolf hinged board game, manufactured by McLoughlin Bros., courtesy of Richard Moore

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Sat., May. 2, Bob's Coins Auction, Coin, Athens, MI

Fri., May. 15, Holler & Hammer LLC, Coca Cola, Jackson, MI

Sat., May. 16, Holler & Hammer LLC, Gas, Oil, Jackson, MI

**ZONE 6**

Thu., Mar. 12, Braun & Helmer Auction Service, Auto, Tool, Misc., Columbus, MI

Sat., Mar. 14, Schmidt's Antiques, Art, Antique, Ypsilanti, MI

Thu., Mar. 26, Braun & Helmer Auction Service, Estate, Ann Arbor, MI

**ZONE 8**

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Thu., Mar. 26, Chupp Auctions & Real Estate LLC, 3 Day Antique, Shipshewana, IN

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**ZONE 12**

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

10:30 AM - **UNCATALOGED LOTS**  
 1000+ Lots including advertising, country store, signs, farm primitives & more!  
 NO online bidding available!

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

Online bidding available all day!  
 9:00 AM - **ANTIQUES**  
 4:30 PM - **ANTIQUES**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

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Selling 1000+ lots of uncataloged items including signs, country store items, farm primitives, petroleum, railroad lanterns, fishing lures, toys and more! Many surprises! **\*No online bidding for this session.**

..... FRIDAY MARCH 27 • 9:00 AM .....

**SALESMAN SAMPLES:** (3) Horse-drawn hay mowers including Steele, Robinson & Adriance; horse-drawn hay tedder; Adriance horse-drawn reaper; other horse-drawn samples include plows, cultivators, disk, dump rake, wagon, Dain power lift rake & more; butter churn; wagon store display; (2) ox yokes; plus more!

**ADVERTISING SIGNS:** 6' John Deere Quality Farm Equipment; 10' International Harvester McCormick-Deering Farm Machines; Gehl Sales & Service; Case Farm Machinery; 12' wooden J.I. Case Plow Works; Allis Chalmers Tractors neon clock; wooden Studebaker Wagon & Buggies; wooden Wiard Plows; 12' wooden Sharples Cream Separators; Pioneer Boats, Middlebury, IN; Pioneer Cribs & Bins, Middlebury, IN; red & green DeLaval signs with DeLaval frames; flanged IHC Agency; Massey Harris Farm Implements; various ice cream signs; Pabst Farm Holsteins; (8) different John Deere Dealership thermometers; (8) different John Deere Farm Implements; soda signs; (3) Sunbeam Bread; butcher shop trade sign; plus more!

**(15) RAILROAD LANTERNS:** I.C.; L&N; (2) E.J.&E.; Burlington Rte; N.K.P.; N&W; C.P.R.; L.S.&M.S.; B.R.&P.; C.&E.L.; C.R.T.; plus more!

**PEDAL TRACTORS • 1/8 SCALE TRACTORS • VINDEX:** JOHN DEERE 1/8 SCALE: 4430; 4020 with duals; D; 720; 730; BW; B; 70; A; 4010; plow; manure spreader; wagon; plus some Farmall tractors; **PEDALS:** John Deere combine; Case IH 'Seein Red' puller; Eska John Deere 720; Case 1070 Black Knight with duals; **VINEX & OTHER:** Vindex John Deere tractor; Vindex hay rack wagon; Arcade auto dump wagon & other Arcades; 1st Gear Fidler cement truck;

**MISC ITEMS • FARM PRIMITIVES:** Custom garden tractor size Case Agri King 1370 tractor, WOW!; 24" dia. Buckeye bronze church bell dated 1887; collection of early figural meat cleavers; RARE Arcade brass spittoon; John Deere 1/2hp hit & miss engine; (4) brass steam whistles; child-size Hoosier cabinet by Sellers; 80"W Longhorn steer head mount; RARE Humphrey's vet cabinet; cast aluminum True Type Holstein Friesian model cow; coverlet dated 1849; RARE Piggard rooster head store display; working model traction steam engine; side-shift gas engine prototype; collection of early push type planters & cultivators;

**SILVER BARS & COINS:** (2) 100-oz bars; (20) 1 oz bars; (20) 1 oz rounds; (20) Peace dollars; (6) Morgan dollars with rare dates including 1886-O MS63 and 1883-S MS60;

**GRISWOLD:** Set of (15) skillets #00 thru #14 mostly large block; #14 large block skillet; set of (9) skillets #3 thru #12 including small & large block; set of (6) skillets #8 thru #14 including #13 large slant block; #13 Tite Top baster lid;

**200+ FISHING LURES:** Many with boxes including Heddon, C.C.B. Co., Arbogast, South Bend, Paw Paw Watafogs, Beetles & Baby Beetles, Nappanee Ypsi; Musky Ducks; Glo Worm; Punkin Seeds; Baby Crab Wigglers; Luny Frog; Meadow Mouse; all kinds of colors; lots more!

..... FRIDAY MARCH 27 • 4:30 PM .....

**SIGNS • LICENSE PLATE TOPPERS:** Variety of feed & seed corn signs and license plate toppers; seed corn bags; DeKalb rooster sign; pig-shaped butcher trade sign;

**MISC ITEMS • SALESMAN SAMPLES:** Salesman sample Diamond hay trolley with drop pulley -WOW! • F. Stocker salesman sample loose hay fork -WOW! Never seen one! • RARE World's Champion #2 corn sheller, complete!; Variety of handheld corn shellers & other corn shellers; Burrall floor model corn sheller; variety of weathervanes & arrows; brass steam whistles; collection of brass oilers & gauges; 507 lb. Arm & Hammer Wrought Iron anvil; 192 lb. decorated French double horn anvil circa late 1700's or early 1800's; windmill weights; life size pig advertising BBQ; pig-shaped butcher trade sign; horse ties; collection of wrenches; DeKalb sign; cast iron receiving hands for display; collection of brass manufacturers & makers tags;

..... SATURDAY MARCH 28 • 9:00 AM .....

**GUNS:** Winchester 1892 .25-20 lever action; Winchester 1866 .44; Winchester 1885 .22; J.P. Sauer & Son 9.3x57R/16 ga. Drilling; Charles Daly/J.P. Sauer 12 ga. & 9.3mm Drilling; Winchester 1890 .22; 1857 Colt Navy .36 cal. revolver; 1860 Colt Army .44 cal. revolver; Colt D.A. US Army 1901 .38 cal. revolver; Colt 1860 Army .44 cal. revolver; Colt 1851 Navy .36 cal. revolver; plus more;

**ADVERTISING SIGNS: PETROLEUM:** 9' Pegasus; lighted Red Ball Transit, new in crate!; 13'H Skelly with pole; 8' Standard Oil, new in crate!; all kinds of tire signs; Mobilgas; Ford Sales & Service neon clock; Packard neon clock; 72" Standard; Star Cars; 7' Sinclair; plus more; **COUNTRY STORE:** 72" Mail Pouch Tobacco thermometer; neon Red Goose Shoes; Kodak Film; (2) different Finck's Overalls; Red Light Saloon 12-room brothel clock -RARE!; flanged Maxwell House Coffee; Lucky Strike collection; Exemplar 5-cent cigar; various trade signs; all kinds of soda & beverage signs; 5' Coca Cola with hanger; porcelain & glass barber shop pole with hand-crank spinner; plus lots more;

**CAST IRON BANKS & DOOR STOPS: MECHANICAL BANKS:** Speaking Dog; Lion with 2 monkeys; Mason; Organ Grinder with bear; Santa Claus; **STILL BANKS:** Donkey; Dog; Clown; Soldier; Cat; Elephant; Sea lions; Buffalo; Opossum; Camel; Rabbit; plus more; **DOOR STOPS:** Floral baskets; Bulldog; Detroit Tiger; Parrot; Pheasant; Golfer; RARE Dog with yellow eyes; Ship; Pirate Girl;

**COUNTRY STORE:** (2) 12'L Sherer seed counters; all kinds of countertop display cases; 8'L cast iron butcher's wall-mount meat rack; Royal #5 floor model peanut roaster; (6) 1-cent countertop match dispensers; 1-cent lighter fluid dispenser; Silver King 5-cent hot nut vendor & other vendors; wireless countertop cigar lighter; 5-compartment glass countertop display; Zippo lighter display with lighters; Lucky Strike tin collection; National Model 324 brass cash register; Landers Frary coffee grinder;

**MISC ITEMS:** Chevrolet & Ford front ends for man caves; wooden carousel horse; Havoline oil cabinet; plus more;

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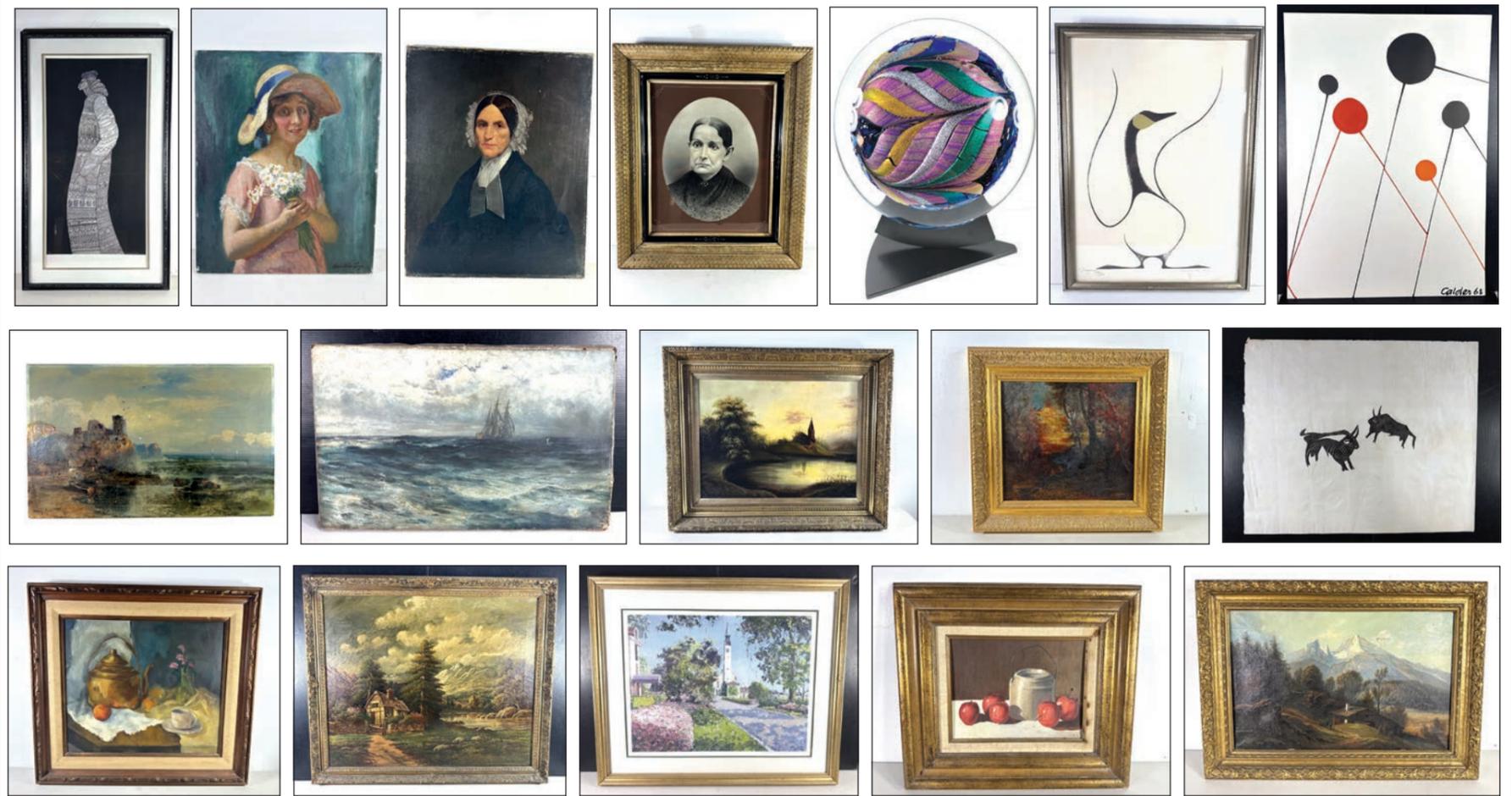
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## COMING AUCTION

### ★ LARGE ESTATE AUCTION ★ SATURDAY, MARCH 14 AT 10:00 AM

LOCATION: GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY RM., 239 E. NORTH ST.  
DIRECTIONS: 4 blocks east of N. Broadway - M-43.

**HASTINGS, MI 49058** zone 4

**ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES:** Nice jewelry inc. gold pieces; stereoscope; photos; furniture; records; music boxes; games; toys; buttons; cabinets; Raggedy Ann & Andy; metal toys; cream can; cookie jars; granite ware; plates & cups; salt & peppers; bells; brass items; glassware; planters; axes - must see! Beer stein music box; teapot; wash tub stands; clown figurines; lamps; rocker; dresser; tricycles; Coca-Cola cooler; brass torch; tractor seat; saddle; candle stand; bowls; bounce seats; acoustic guitar; box of old modern toys; vase; water pitchers; wood ladle; brass candlesticks; book ends; bellows; baby scale; child's wood ride-on horses; child seat; wood luggage holder; watermelon bowl; glass baskets; wood magazine holder; silver nut bowl; **MORE!**

**Buyers have been very pleased w/finding the unexpected surprise items that are packed away & we've been unable to list or picture!! Expect surprises!**

Estate of Royce Shepard of Marshall - 4th Auction will be 3/28.

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## GILLILAND ESTATE AUCTION

Preview 8:30 AM Day of Auction

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26 at 10:00 AM

LOCATION: 4410 Earhart Rd.

**ANN ARBOR, MI 48105** zone 6



Kubota RTV 900 diesel 4x4 w/Dump Box and Curtis Snow Plow, reads 485.8 hours, runs and operates well  
Toro Titan Zero Turn Mower, 24 hp, 60 inch deck  
John Deere 302-A Diesel Loader Tractor (Been sitting outside)

**WOODWORKING AND SHOP TOOLS TO INCLUDE:** Delta Drill Press, Shop Air Cleaner, Tilting Top Ta-

ble-saw, Bench Grinder, Belt/Disc Sander. Woodworking bench with vise, Jet Mortising machine, Porter Cable, circular, saw, energy, upright, air, compressor, dust collector, Miller, AC/DC arc Welder, Lincoln, Idealarc wire welder, Max 40 plasma cutter, Craftsman toolboxes, wrenches and sockets, shop press, tire changer, metal, cutting bandsaw, 3 ton cherry picker, Stihl MS 361 chain saw, Stihl FS 240 weed whip, Cannondale CAD2 Bicycle, and much more!

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Above: Primitive hand whiskbroom, circa 1880, that is valued at \$70. Items such as this might have been sold by a peddler.

## Peddler

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involved bartering for goods or services. Peddlers would trade their wares for whatever a farmer had, hoping to carry the bartered goods to a city where they could be resold for cash. Items that were bartered included food, farm products, cow hides, horns, old cast iron, old silver items, rubber (rubber items were scarce and valuable on the prairie), furs and pelts, and some hand-sewed clothing.

In "An Introduction to the Tin Peddler" published in a 1968 issue of Spinning Wheel magazine, writer Margaret Coffin offers a list of items peddlers refused to barter goods for: "Woodchucks, weasels, and squirrels worthless!"

Coffin states that one particular peddler, Morillo Noyes of Vermont, especially loved to buy pregnant cats or cats with a new litter of kittens. He paid 2 cents for a pregnant house cat, selling the kittens as "mousers" as he traveled his route, earning 10 to 20 times more than what he paid for a cat.

Traveling peddlers, in the 19th century, were a mixed lot of men, often differentiated by the way they traveled and carried their goods. The poorest peddlers traveled by "shank's mare," which means they traveled on foot, using their legs as their mare. This forced them to carry all of their wares in a pack on their back. Some peddlers pulled a two-wheel cart, some rode on horseback carrying goods in saddle bags, some rode on horseback with a pack mule or two carrying their goods, and, the most prosperous peddlers, rode on small horse-drawn carts.

In his short story "The Chrysanthemums," John Steinbeck described a horse-drawn peddler's cart as "a squeak of wheels and a plod of hoofs." When rural people heard these sounds, they knew a peddler was just around the bend.



Above: This typical peddler's wagon, looking somewhat like a refurbished hearse, belonged to William Hurlbut, circa 1870s. Hurlbut lived and sold in St. Lawrence County in upstate New York.

Peddling goods by foot or horseback was a good life for adventurous, not overly ambitious young men, but not all such men were honest. A glib tongue and some slight of hand often left a rural woman in tears when dealing with a peddler. Such is the ending of Steinbeck's story.

Coffin tells many a colorful tale of peddlers, but none so much as her suggestion to study maps of the New England states to learn about peddlers or their demise. Legendary place names were often so named because peddlers were robbed of their wares and murdered on the spot. One such place is Spook Hollow, located just outside the hamlet of Milton, New York. "Here a peddler was murdered

and robbed, and today, supposedly, this place is still haunted." And "a peddler ghost [robbed and killed by heinous villains] returns to Dresden on Lake Champlain each year to float across the lake and back, moaning with a look-like cry."

One last interesting legend: It is said that Isaac Gimbel, one time CEO of Gimbel's Department Store, began his merchandising career as an itinerate peddler, selling wares throughout Indiana and Illinois.

If you are ever vacationing near Cooperstown, N.Y., visit the Farmer's Museum (Fenimore Farm & Country Village) in Cooperstown. One of the displays in this museum is a genuine, intact, peddler's wagon.



Above: Tin coal hod, circa 1880, with a hand-painted flower motif. This hod was offered on eBay for \$200. Before Amazon a person might get something like this from a peddler

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\*\*\* Approx. 400 lots total - Check Website for complete listing



- TRACTORS**
- 2013 New Holland T8 300 Tractor
  - 2013 New Holland T8 300 Tractor
  - 2013 New Holland TV6070 Bi-Directional Tractor
  - 2007 New Holland TG305 Tractor
  - 2007 New Holland TJ480 Tractor
  - 1999 New Holland 8970 Tractor
  - 1998 New Holland 8770 Tractor
  - 2002 NH TM115 Tractor
  - 1983 Versatile 256 Bi-Directional Tractor w/Loader
  - 1985 International 484 Tractor w/Loader
  - 1985 International 5088 Tractor
- COMBINES, HEADS & HARVEST**
- 2012 Case IH 8230 Combine
  - 2013 Case IH 7230 Combine
  - 2012 Case IH 3412 12R30" Corn Head
  - 2011 Gerringhoff 1230F 12R30" Folding Corn Head
  - 2020 MacDon FD 135 35' Draper Head
  - 2007 Case IH 2062-36 36' Draper Head
  - 2007 Case IH 2062-36 36' Draper Head
  - 2012 Horst CHCF 36' Header Cart
  - 2011 Horst CHCF 36' Header Cart
  - 2012 Horst CHCF 30' Header Cart
  - 2014 Horst HCA-CHCF 45' Header Cart
  - 1982 Westfield 72'x10" Grain Auger
  - (2) Grain Hopper Bins
- PLANTING EQUIPMENT**
- 2013 Kinze 3200 12R30" Planter
  - 2011 John Deere 1770 12R30" Planter
  - 2014 Great Plains YP2425A-24R30" Planter
- TRUCKS & TRAILERS**
- 2014 Kenworth T800 Semi Truck
  - 2005 Freightliner M2 Grain Truck
  - 2015 International Navistar 5900i Semi Truck
  - 2019 Wilson DDWH-650 A-Train Hopper Trailer
  - 2012 Load King HGF28/28 B- Train Hopper Trailer
  - 2000 Sterling Grain and Silage Truck
  - 1989 GMC 7000 Grain and Silage Truck
  - 1991 GMC Volvo 3500 Grain & Silage Truck
  - 1988 Ford 9000 Semi Truck
  - 1984 Fruehauf Hopper Trailer
- 1971 International Loadstar 1600 Fuel Truck
  - 1980 Ford 8000 Flatbed Truck w/Weber 14' Porto Fertilizer Box
  - 2012 Chevy 2500 Pickup w/ Plow
  - 2013 GMC 1500 Pickup, 5.3L Gas
  - 2012 Chevy 1500 Pickup, 4.8L Gas
  - 1966 Miller Tilt-Deck Trailer
- CHEMICAL APPLICATORS**
- 1989 Ag-Chem Big A 2800 Floater Fertilizer Spreader
  - (2) DMI 2800 28% Applicators
- HAY EQUIPMENT**
- 2022 New Holland 450 Round Baler
  - 2016 New Holland 450 Round Baler
  - 2013 New Holland 258 Rake
  - 2003 New Holland 258 Rake
- TILLAGE EQUIPMENT**
- 2018 Great Plains 7333H 33' Disc
  - 2004 Sunflower 5135-42' Field Cultivator
  - 2008 Case IH 870 9 Shank EcoTiger Disc Ripper
  - 2008 Sunflower 4511-11 Chisel Plow
  - 1999 Sunflower 4212-15 Chisel Plow
  - 1993 Landoll 15K9200199 5 Shank Ripper
  - 2014 Brillion WLS 360 30' Cultimulcher
  - Case 12' Disc
  - 1989 IH 183 12R Cultivator
  - IH 720 5 Bottom Plow
  - 1999 Kongskilde 0116 8 Bottom Plow
  - 2013 Yetter 3530 30' Rotary Hoe
  - 2012 Loftness 840 Rock Picker 8'
  - 2000 Loftness 720 Rock Picker 7'
  - Knowles TB1800 Rock Wagon 2 - 18 Ton
  - 2009 WF Rock Wagon
- CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT**
- 1980 JD 450 Dozer, 6-Way Blade
  - Case 580D Loader Backhoe, Extenda-Hoe
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## AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 @ 10:00 AM

LOCATION: 5862 88TH ST.

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**TRUCKS:** 2005 Chevy LT 2500 Duramax 4x4, Runs, Has Title; 1980's Chevy Custom 6 cyl, non-running, No Title; Duramax engine & Transmission; **BACKHOE:** Terramite Compact Backhoe Loader; **TRAILERS** (No titles): Shop Built (2025) 15' x 7' tandem equipment trailer; 14x6'6" tandem Utility; 20 ft Gooseneck Equipment Trailer; 13x6 frame; 38 ft Mobile Home Trailer; 38 x10 Steel Frame; 4x8 utility; 5x8 Cargo Box, no axle; other trailers and frames; Axles; Tires. **CAMPER:** 1975 Coachman 28 ft 5th wheel camper has Title; **FARM RELATED:** 24 ft Gooseneck Stock Trailer; 3 pt 6 ft Back Blade; 7 ft Field Cultivator; JD 2 bottom plow; Brady 13 ft Field Cultivator; Disc; Svl. Running Gears; Kubota 5 ft Bucket; Skid Steer Bucket; (4) Solid Skid Steer Tires/Wheels; Pallet Forks; Hitching Post; Steel Wheels; PTO shafts; Hydraulic Lift; Booms; Sickle Bar Mower; (3) Farm Gates - 4', 6' 8'; Roll of Wire Fencing; (4) Fuel Tanks; (4) Steel Spools; **LAWN & GARDEN:** Riders; Push Mowers; Weed Wackers; Two Wheeled wheelbarrow; Thatcher; Snow Blower; Craftsman Shredder/Bagger/Blower; **TOOLS:** Lincoln Arc Welder; 8 ton Shop Press; Atlas Jointer/Planer; Like New DeWALT 36 volt 1/2 in Impact; Cordless Tools; Svl. Bit Sets; Shop Vise; Tool Boxes; Tire Changer; Shop Benches & Carts; Hardware; Floor Jacks; (2) RR Jacks; Log chains; **BOATS:** 14 ft Row Boat on Trailer; 10 ft John Boat; **MISCELLANEOUS:** Stainless Prep Table; Stainless Sinks; fireplace Insert; Truck Tool Boxes; Stack of 2x6 lumber; 5th Wheel Hitch; Reese Hitch; Pallet Racking; Vacuum Trailer, no motor; Big Joe 1000 lbs Lift; Wood Stove; (2) 100 lbs Propane Tanks; Toy Trucks; 6 pc set of Blue Wrought Iron Patio furniture; 44 cal and 36 cal Cap and Ball Revolvers; Much More!

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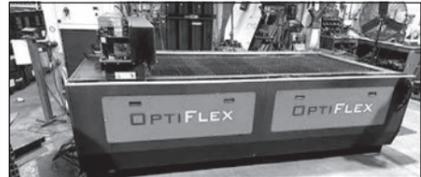
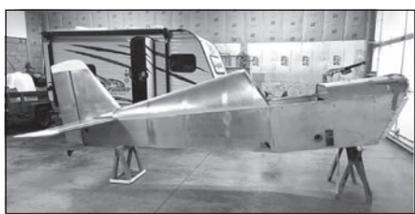
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  - 2015 Bobcat S530 Skid Steer
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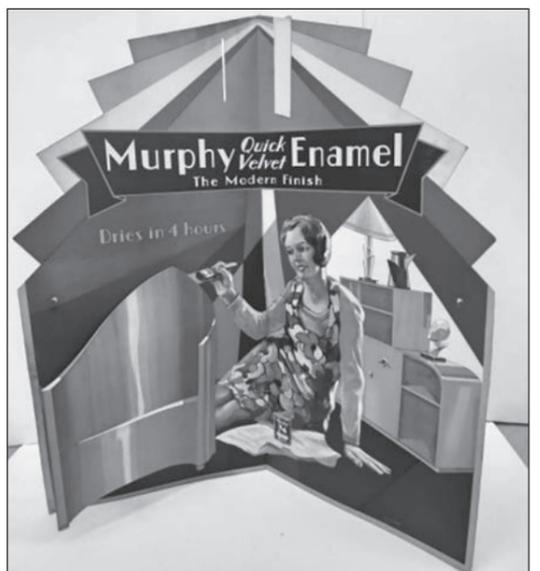
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## Cougar Fuels

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and the Texaco signs were one-time roadside beacons for the rapidly growing post-World War II service station network.

A rare vintage Kendall Oil rolling oil can rack sold for \$3,500. What appeared to be a large can of the “2000 mile oil” had slots on the sides for metal quart and gallon containers.

A pair of 5-foot fiberglass advertising statues known as Esso’s Oil Drop



**Above:** A 1940s Kendall Oil rolling oil can rack was auctioned for \$3,500. Most pre-World War II oils could only go 1,000 miles before a change. Kendall’s 2,000 mile claim was an advertising breakthrough. [Courtesy Kraft Auctions]

**Right:** A 1950s Bozo-Barometer sold for \$500. Popular in taverns after World War II, sobriety testers provided humor without automatic payouts and allowed proprietors to skirt gambling laws while keeping customers engaged and drinks flowing. [Courtesy Kraft Auctions]



Boy and Girl sold for a combined \$1,900. Esso was the phonetic pronunciation of “S” and “O”, as in the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey. The couple appeared in the company’s late 1950s advertising only to be replaced around 1960 by the better-known “Put a Tiger in Your Tank!” campaign. That was epitomized by plush tiger tails that were seen hanging out of gas flaps across America.

A 7-foot Sinclair cast metal DINO (always capitalized and pronounced DYE-no) was hammered at \$5,500. The familiar green critter, introduced at the 1933 Chicago World’s fair, was better known than the Esso tiger and almost as recognized as the Mobil Pegasus.

A substantially larger if lesser-known roadside treasure was also auctioned. The 14-foot fiberglass statue of a portly hobo, complete with hobo stick, handful of balloons, and pocketful of hotdogs, had stood in front of Ruben’s Restaurant in nearby Lake Station, Ind., from the late 1950s until it was removed last

summer. In spite of efforts to keep it in Indiana, an Ohio buyer bid a winning \$11,000 for the “traveler” memorialized on RoadsideAmerica.com and other places.

Barbering was a much older profession than petroleum. A rare vintage circa 1950 Koken lighted revolving barber pole with integrated electric advertising clock atop it, something auctioneer Jonathan Kraft said he had never seen before in 20 years of auctioning, sold for \$15,000.

The auction featured more than a dozen life-sized 20th-century cultural figures, from the R2-D2 Droid and Boris Karloff’s Frankenstein monster to Betty Boop and the Big Boy. The winners, bid wise, were a full-sized Iron Man Mark III prop statue and heavy metal musician Ozzy Osbourne, both hammered at \$5,000. Osbourne died last July, perhaps adding to his

popularity, and a new LEGO Iron Man model kit was introduced in January.

A life-sized fiberglass display of the Simpson family was the second best seller among pop figures, hammered at \$4,750. Released around the 2007 Simpsons movie, the hard-to-find figures were seated on a cardboard display coach that had an extra space next to Homer perfect for photo ops.

A life-sized 2002 Marvel Spider-Man promotional resin display statue sold for \$3,500. The statue was timed to the video release of that year’s movie exclusively in the former Blockbuster video stores. At 5-foot-8 inches, no one at the auction was sure how tall the real Spiderman was. Maybe taller?

A vintage 1978 Bally Playboy pinball machine sold for the same price. The machine was in very good condition and played well. It was produced at the height of Playboy’s cultural influence, with founder Hugh Hefner himself appearing on the back glass as part of a carefully cultivated brand image.

A machine that helped remake Pepsi-Cola from a fountain drink into a bottled beverage sold for \$5,000. The Detroit-made circa 1956 F. L. Jacobs J56 vendor had a unique dark blue dashboard that merged a coin slot, bottle release handle, and signal lights with Pepsi logo into an attractive design. It gave the machine a jukebox or old-fashioned radio appearance compared to plainer Coke machines.

One of the plainer restored Coke Vendo 44s sold for \$3,500. Introduced around 1950, the Vendo was one of Coca-Cola’s most widely used machines, with the model number referring to its capacity of 44 bottles. Its red-and-white porcelain finish made it a common sight in postwar America, helping transform Coca-Cola from a soda fountain drink into a bottled beverage as well.

An unrestored Glasco GBV-50 vending machine garnered \$1,100. Dating to about the same time as the Vendo 44, the



**Above:** A pair of 5-foot fiberglass advertising statues known as Esso’s Oil Drop Boy and Girl sold for a combined \$1,900. They were designed to humanize gasoline in an era when it sold for pennies a gallon.

machine held 50 bottles in a “vendo chest”. A nickel or dime would free one bottle at a time. The machines were popular in gas stations, hardware stores, and roadside businesses where soda sales were slower and such a machine could be supervised.

A circa-1950 slot machine themed around an old-fashioned paper and pencil game was hammered at \$5,000. The Jennings Club Chief Tic-Tac-Toe machine took a quarter and played an entire game on a front panel grid, all with incandescent light bulbs instead of LEDs. While any line of X’s and O’s was a winner, certain other patterns and symbol concentrations paid off in lesser amounts. The

front panel promised a “Guaranteed Jackpot \$37.50” or more, not bad for a quarter slot.

A circa 1910 Mills nickel slot machine brought \$2,500. Instead of then illegal cash payouts, so-called trade stimulators like the Mills machine paid out in premiums. A “player” would drop a nickel, pull a lever, and five reels displayed a poker hand. Payouts extended from a cigar for a royal flush. That the cigars were almost always sold back for cash worked for this machine until the latter 1920s, when authorities cracked down on “trade stimulators”.

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**Above:** This 14-foot fiberglass statue stood outside of Ruben’s Restaurant in Lake Station, Ind., from the late 1950s until last summer. It sold to an Ohio buyer for \$11,000.



**Above:** A vintage 1978 Bally Playboy pinball machine sold for \$3,500. Hugh Hefner’s back glass likeness made this machine more valuable. [Courtesy Kraft Auctions]

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