Turn your unwanted items into cold cash

Holding a garage or yard sale helps clear out the clutter

By Vera Hogan

So now that you’ve read Marie Kondo’s book — The Life-Changing Magic About Tidying Up — you probably have a pileup of stuff in your house and garage that no longer “sparks joy.”

It’s time for a garage sale so you can hopefully turn a lot of that unwanted clutter into some cold cash. That should bring the joy back.

The following are a few tips on planning your successful garage or yard sale.

Pick a date

The first step is to choose dates and times for your sale. Most people go with Friday and Saturday mornings, but locally, many people start Thursday and go through Sunday for a few hours.

Check on permits

Many cities now require that you have a permit to run a garage sale. Check with a clerk at your city or town hall to find out if you need one.

Advertising

If you want to drive major traffic to your garage sale, fork up the money to pay for an ad in your local newspaper. But before you write your ad, find out how much space you get for the price you’re willing to pay. Keep your ad short and pointed, and list your biggest ticket items first. The most popular garage sale items include furniture, kids’ toys, and collectibles. Don’t forget to include your address as well as the dates and times your sale will run (See sidebar for a great deal).

Make yard sale signs

Brightly colored poster board and a Sharpie is all you really need, if you need more than what the Times packet offers (see sidebar). Make sure your sign says “Garage Sale” large enough for people to see as they drive by. Include your address or an arrow pointing toward your house.

Get supplies

Make sure you have everything you need at least a day before the garage sale starts. You’ll need chairs to sit on, a table or other flat surface to take payments.

See YARD SALE on 4B
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Teachers who left an unforgettable footprint in history

By Vera Hogan

May is National Teachers Month and although we have countless amazing teachers in our local school districts, there are some in history that should be studied often and never forgotten.

1. ANNE SULLIVAN
Anne Sullivan is one of the most famous teachers in history, remembered for her life-changing work to help a young blind, deaf and mute child named Helen Keller learn to communicate with the world.

2. SAINT MOTHER TERESA
Mother Teresa, who was canonized as a saint in 2016, once worked as a teacher while serving as a nun in India. She spent 17 years at Saint Mary’s High School for Girls in Calcutta (and was later made the school principal) before leaving her profession in 1948 to pursue a new path serving the poor and sick.

3. ALBERT EINSTEIN
Nobel Prize-winning physicist Albert Einstein, who was responsible for forming the theory of relativity as well as the powerful mathematical equation E=MC² (among other discoveries) was also a teacher. He taught theoretical physics in Prague, Zurich and Berlin, and later in the U.S. at Princeton.

4. MARIA MONTESSORI
Twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, Maria Montessori was the first female doctor in Italy and later developed the Montessori educational system still used throughout the world today. After earning her doctorate, Montessori worked as a medical school instructor, but after years researching and studying child development, she moved into education and created a prepared teaching program for kids that allowed for a child-led learning environment.

5. LAURA INGALLS WILDER
Any fan of “Little House on the Prairie” (TV show) and “Little House in the Big Woods” (books) knows that author Laura Ingalls Wilder was a teacher. While working as a teen at her local schoolhouse, she met her future husband Almanzo Wilder. Her background in education led Laura to a career as a writer whose legacy is still felt today.

6. C.S. LEWIS
Acclaimed British author C.S. Lewis was the mastermind behind novels like “The Chronicles of Narnia” series. He was also, for many years, a professor of literature working first at Magdalen College at Oxford University in 1925 before transferring to Cambridge University in 1954. He worked at Cambridge until he resigned in 1963 due to health issues. His work still inspires readers to this day.

Source: mom.me/lifestyle
Spring is here, time to go ‘saling’

This week, I have an article in our Lifestyle section on tips for holding a garage sale. Being a seasoned garage-saler myself, I also have some tips on how to shop a garage sale.

There are many good reasons to shop garage or yard sales. You could be a young adult looking to pick up some items like dishes and coffee mugs, or furniture that can be repurposed and painted for your first apartment. Or, if you have small children in your home, they are great places to find inexpensive play clothes.

Or, if you’re like me, you’re a treasure hunter. I’m always on the lookout for hard-cover cookbooks because I am a collector. I also look for treasures I can sell. One year I bought a pair of brand new, old-fashioned basketball shoes. They were turquoise with pink, yellow and white polka dots all over. I paid 50 cents for them and later sold them on ebay for $16. I also bought a small globe music box with Dorothy of the Wizard of Oz spinning around on her ruby slippers to the tune of “Somewhere Over the Rainbow.” I bought that for a dollar and sold it on ebay for $15. My sister had the greatest find of all in our family. She picked up a large Disney movie poster in the early 1990s for 50 cents, and later sold it for $500. It was valuable because it had Walt Disney’s signature on it.

Today, the hot collectibles include original comic books, first edition hard cover books, vinyl records, coins, stamps, antique furniture, dolls, action figures and other toys. Star Wars stuff is always popular. Simply Google “most collectible in 2019” and you’ll see what I mean.

The first thing you need to do is plan ahead. Check out the Times’ classifieds because they are the best places to find sales. I grab a copy of the Wednesday Midweek edition and with a yellow highlighter, mark the sales I wish to attend. I also map out my trip so I am not driving back and forth all over the place.

I should mention that you can find garage sales online, but I personally like to stick close to home. I know we’re mostly strangers at garage sales, but I just feel safer staying around town. To me, if I’m in the Fenton, Linden or Holly area, we’re at least acquainted.

On garage sale day be sure to wear comfy shoes and have plenty of one dollar bills and some coin in your pocket. Your garage sale hosts will appreciate you for having exact change.

Before leaving a garage sale, especially if I don’t find anything for myself, I always thank the hosts and let them know I will tell my friends and family about their sale.

Have fun and happy saling!

YARD SALE

Continued from Page 1B

and provide change, and plenty of areas to display your goods. Gather all of the card tables and patio furniture you can find for placing breakable items on. For smaller, non-breakable items, place a board over two milk crates. For clothes, use a garment rack or hang them on hangers off the top of your garage door.

Don’t forget the change

You know it’s going to happen. You’ll have to make $19.95 in change for your first customer. Make sure you have fives, ones, and at least $20 in quarters.

Sort your items

Sort before you price. It’s the easiest way to keep your garage sale organized and make it easy on potential buyers. Dedicate a room in your house to garage sale planning and divide all of your items by category such as clothes, books, home goods, and kids’ toys.

Price your items

It’s best if you price your items individually rather than just group them into boxes with one price sign. As the garage sale progresses, people will get the boxes mixed up and you’ll have a hard time keeping it organized.

Organize and arrange

Arrange your tables and put all the clothes on hangers the night before the garage sale. Arrange everything the night before and store it in the garage for safekeeping. Map out where everything will be placed to make the morning setup as easy as possible and to keep it in a logical and organized fashion for customers.

Get ready

Make sure you have your change in a safe place, and find a comfortable, shaded area to sit. If your garage sale is hard to spot from the street, place a yard sale sign in front of your house so people know where to stop. Stay seated and shout out a friendly hello when people walk up, and let the customers come to you.

Deal with leftovers

Consider taking the leftovers to a Goodwill store or Community Threads and save on your taxes. Make an itemized list of everything you have with its original value. Once you drop it at a donation center, ask for a receipt. File this away to use for a tax deduction for charitable donations on your income taxes.

Source: moneycrashers.com

TIMES GARAGE SALE PACKET FOR ONLY $36

You can make the whole task of planning and holding a garage sale so much easier by purchasing a Tri-County Times Garage Sale Packet. For only $36, you will get a 20-word advertisement with one photo, which will appear in one edition. With that $36, you also get five garage sale signs and five packets of assorted color tabs (sticky back) that you can use to price your items. A garage sale checklist is included with the packet and best of all, a list called “Successful Tips for your Garage/Yard Sale” to make your event hassle free. This list is comprehensive and covers far more ground than the aforementioned tips. If that’s not enough, you also get a $3 off coupon for your next classified ad.
DESIGN THE OFFICIAL 2019 ROBO-CON SOUVENIR T-SHIRT AND YOU COULD WIN!

ROBO-CON is back on Saturday, July 20 at The Center for Innovation (CFI) in Lapeer and organizers are seeking a design for the official souvenir T-shirt sponsored by:

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• Contest is open to any student Kindergarten to 12th grade!

• Not only will the winning design be featured on the official ROBO-CON 2019 souvenir T-shirt but the winning student will also receive a $50 Visa Gift Card!

GOOD LUCK!

Submit designs by May 15 to View Newspaper Group:

Via email: mguerra@mihomepaper.com

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View Newspaper Group, PO Box 220, Lapeer, MI 48446

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The County Press, 1525 Imlay City Rd., Lapeer, MI 48446

Winning student will be announced in all Lapeer and Genesee County View Newspapers on May 30!
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SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019
8 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Clean-up days are provided for Holly Township residents to remove refuse from their properties. Residents are also encouraged to participate in the clean-up of Township roads.

Dumpsters and/or Garbage Trucks will be located in the parking lot. You must bring refuse to the dumpster and/or truck. THERE WILL BE NO ROADSIDE PICKUP, NO COMMERCIAL DUMPING AND NO ON SITE SHOVELING ALLOWED.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
You must be in line by 2 p.m.

Someone will be present to verify residency and/or property owners.

All barrels and fuel oil tanks must be open-ended. No stumps, brush, leaves or concrete will be accepted. Paint cans must be empty or filled with sand or kitty litter. There is a $3.00 per item charge for regular tires and a $5.00 per item charge for tractor tires. All appliances will be taken.

Additional information may be obtained by calling George Kullis, Holly Township Supervisor at (248) 634-9331 Ext. 304.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A ZONING ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, of consideration of amending section 157.008, 157.071 (D)(10), 157.130 (A)(32) and (B)(31), and 157.146(B) of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance. The Village of Holly Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on May 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Village Council Chambers located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, Michigan.

Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk/Treasurer, 300 East Street, Karl Richter Center, Holly, Michigan 48442 prior to the review and may also be submitted at the meeting. All documents pertinent to the application are available for inspection in the Village Offices at the above address during regular business hours.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend are asked to contact the Village offices at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (248) 634-9571 during regular business hours.

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Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Saad
Present: Graves, Conner, Hallman, Saad and Schmidt. Absent: None.
Approved: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting March 25, 2019.
Approved: Payment of bills as printed.
Approved: Budget Amendments
Issued: 10 permits that total $6,103.50.
Authorized: Police Department to implement a K-9 program provided the startup cost is born from donations.
Approval: Officer M. Hauck to be considered a voluntary quit per contract.
Accepted: Personal leave for Chief Lafferty until May 1st, 2019.
Accepted: Bid for lease of farmland parcel # 01-28-100-002 from Corey Farms LLC..
Approved: Smith Road resurfacing using 50-50 money.
Date set: A Budget Workshop will be held on May 8th@ 6:30 p.m.
Approved: Richard Whaley PA 116 for parcel # 01-31-400-014.
Approved: Assessor to begin process of yearly re-evaluation of a portion of the township.
Adjourned: 7:52 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves
Argentine Township Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF FENTON
2019-2020 BUDGET

The City of Fenton will hold a public hearing on the 2019-2020 Amended Budget and the proposed 2019-2020 Fiscal Budget on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:30 PM as part of the regular meeting agenda in the City of Fenton Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at City Hall, 301 South Leroy Street, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and at the Jack Winegarden Library, 200 East Caroline Street during their normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject at this hearing.

Please contact the City Clerk’s office if accommodations are needed due to a disability.

Sue Walsh
City Clerk
Joan Gail Bryl
1946-2019
Joan Gail Bryl - age 72, of Linden, passed away Thursday, May 2, 2019. Funeral services will be 4 PM Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Visitation will be Monday from 2-4 PM and from 6-8 PM and on Tuesday, and from 2 PM until the service time. Joan was born August 13, 1946 in Fort Fairfield, ME the daughter of James and Deborah (Green) Loring. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Thomas Loring; many nieces, nephews and her dog, Pennie. She is survived by her husband, Patrick Bryl of Linden; children, Robin (Thomas) Hartfelder, Steve (Mathews), and Michael Bryl; ten grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; sister, Edith DeWitt; brother, Thomas Loring; many nieces, nephews and her dog, Pennie. She is preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Tanya; and brother, Franklin. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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**INGREDIENTS:**
- 1/2 cup 1% buttermilk
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons fresh finely chopped chives
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
- fresh black pepper, to taste
- 2 cups shredded boneless chicken breast, from rotisserie chicken or leftover

**DIRECTIONS:**
1. In a medium bowl combine the buttermilk, mayo, chives, salt, garlic powder, onion powder, parsley, basil and black pepper and mix.
2. Add the shredded chicken and mix well. Refrigerate until ready to eat.

**NUTRITION INFORMATION**
Yield: 4 servings, Serving Size: 1/2 cup
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Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times

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**Puzzle Answers**

Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek’s issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.
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“"All I know about is there has to be some.””

Answers in this edition of the Tri-County Times

Weekend Crossword

KING FEATURES

Puzzle Clue:

10 CELEBRITIES TURNING 90

Across
1 Back in time
24 Anna who won Best Actress for "The Rose Tattoo"
26 "Bedazzled" co-star [2]
30 Stately tree
31 Dying rebuke from Caesar
32 Year, in Portuguese
33 — Mae (loan offerer)
35 Olympic figure-skating gold medalist of 2002 [4]
36 Road goop
41 2002-09 "American Idol" judge
42 "Oahu" garland
43 [5]
45 Peace Nobelist Root
46 Rod on a car
48 Makes another proposal
50 Nine-sided shape
55 Driver's license fig., e.g.
56 Crater part
59 Toronto loc.
60 Conk
61 Like many survey questions
63 Party server
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68 Geffuely
70 Plops down
71 Laura of "ER"
72 Got too big for
73 "The Great Gatsby"
74 Church parts
75 Head, in Metz
76 In some way
77 Bruce Springsteen hit of 1985
78 Isolation
79 Ability to interest lots of people
80 Food scrap
81 Just — suspected
82 151, to Cato
83 "Skyfall" star Daniel
84 Makes another proposal
85 Suffix with
dull
87 Tax form fig.,
88 Tumultus
90 "Auld Lang —"
91 Large game bass
92 Climbing vine
93 Sports centers
95 Tests for coll.
seniors
96 Boot out
97 "The Way —Flesh"
99 False front
100 "I'm in love again"
101 [7]
102 Maiden in "The Raven"
103 Pencil tip
104 Fill up
105 [10]
106 Fill up
107 Early garden
108 Without end, to poets
109 Sheds
111,1 in Berlin
113 Maui goose
114 Poet Allen
115 Acronym, to Brits
116 Pop singer Del Ray
117 "I'm in love again"
118 Boxer, e.g.
119 With
120 "Down, play"
121 "Down, play"
122 Shoppers
123 Youngest pink color
124 Mag VIPs
125 "Woo babies"
126 Early garden
127 Came into
128 Steer a ship
129 [10]
130 Ones sowing
131 Yale students
132 P followers

Down
1 See 119-
2 France, once
3 All: Prefix
4 "Explorer" of
5 Building brick
6 Arty dabblers
7 Levy on
8 Preserver
9 Mi.
10 "Chart for
11 Severe chest
pain
12 Acronym, to
13 Prov's state
14 Iroquois tribe
15 CPR pro
16 Hawk again
17 Napoleon's land
18 [1]
19 Lurhmann
20 who directed
21 "The Great
22 [3]
23 "Angels"
24 "Mistresses, in
Mexico"
25 Misses, in
26 Ye — shoppe
27 "Christina's
World" painter [6]
28 Lead-in to
29 "No"
30 "Jewel"
31 Golden State
school
32 "Christopher's
World" painter [6]
33 "One in a
million"
34 "Lady"
35 "The Playgirl"
36 "He was
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37 Heroic dog of
38 "Bingo!!"
39 [4]
40 "Garland"
41 "Dirty"
42 "Oahu"
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