

BBB Tip: Decluttering? Tips for selling used items online

The start of a new year is a great time to clean out your home and organize your living spaces. But what should you do with the gently used clothing, furniture, exercise equipment, home items, or electronics that you aren't using anymore? Fortunately, online marketplaces, such as Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, eBay, and Poshmark, make it easy to sell without even leaving your home.

and detailed written descriptions that inform buyers of any flaws the item may have, no matter how small. Make it clear that the price you set takes the flaws into account. Finally, use search engine words in your item description that accurately describe the item, its aesthetic, and its use to attract buyers who are actively looking for what you are selling.

- Consider the timing. List seasonal items ahead of relevant holidays or seasons (e.g., winter coats in early fall, exercise equipment in January) to maximize buyer interest.

- Prepare items for sale. Before you pack your item for shipping or prepare it for being picked up by the buyer, clean it thoroughly. If you are planning on selling multiple items online and want to keep buyers coming back, put some love into your packaging as well. Wrapping the item in tissue paper and including a thank you note can go a long way towards creating a returning customer.

- Understand the fees. Each online marketplace has its own set of fees. Before you sign up, take some time to read the fine print and understand whether you'll pay a percentage of your sale, a flat rate, or both, and how the fees are collected. In addition, find out how many sales each platform allows you to make each month.

- Consider swapping or donating used items. If you decide not to sell an item, consider donating it or giving it away to someone who needs it. Several online sites allow you to give things away to someone who needs them for free, lend and borrow items from others in your community, and even trade items instead of selling them for cash.

- Watch out for shady buyers. Con artists often pose as buyers in scams. Sometimes they offer to overpay for an item, but that's not their only tactic. Beware of buyers who ask you to make transactions outside of the selling platform or those who ask for personal information, such as your banking information.

- Avoid shipping items until payment is confirmed. Don't ship any items until you've confirmed that the payment has been processed and received by the platform or directly in your account. Be cautious of buyers who push for expedited shipping or send what looks like a payment confirmation email outside the platform.

- Use tracking for shipments. Always use a trackable shipping method and require a signature on delivery for high-value items. Tracking ensures you know the item's delivery status, and a signature confirms the buyer received it, helping to avoid disputes.

- Be extra cautious when making local sales. Some platforms allow you to meet up with people in your local area to exchange your item for cash in person. While this can be an effective way to sell big items and avoid mar-

ketplace fees, use caution when meeting up with strangers. Don't be quick to give them your home address, instead ask buyers to meet you in a safe place, such as outside your local police department. Never meet up with a buyer you don't know alone. Always bring your partner or a friend to make the transaction.

- If you are meeting up with the buyer at your home to sell big items like furniture or exercise equipment, prepare those items ahead of time so they are ready to go to the buyer. Again, never meet up with a buyer you don't know alone. Have friends or family be present to help you move the furniture to an area that is easily accessible, like near your front door or in your garage, so that the buyer doesn't need to enter your home. If you don't have anyone to help you, consider hiring a moving service to haul those big items away to the seller.

- Always protect your personal information. As you sell items online, keep your personal information under lock and key. Avoid communicating with buyers outside of the online platform you are using to make the sale and don't give out your home address, phone number, or email address.

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Way Back When

Greensburg-Green County
A proud past — A promising future

BY CAROL DIAL
SPECIAL TO THE R-H

Jan. 11, 2006
Diaper Derby winner - James Tanner Willis, born January 6, the son of Mike and Tammy Willis is the winner of the 2006 Record Herald Diaper Derby.

SES students excel - Summersville Elementary school students ranked 21st out of 742 Kentucky elementary schools on the 2005 CATS assessment.

Fire department officers chosen - Bill Lile was appointed chief and Woodson Risen was appointed assistant chief of the Greensburg Fire Department.

Ray shoots 1,000 - Dragon Mickie Ray was presented a commemorative basketball celebrating his 1,000th point.

Jan. 10, 1996
Snowstorm hits area - Local businesses and schools were closed due to a 12-inch snowfall.

Junior Miss competes - Green County 1996 Junior Miss Stacey Williams competed in the State Junior Miss Program in Lexington.

Summershade, Hazel Kessler - Mellyn Kessler celebrated her December 26th

birthday with a family dinner.

Robb to compete - Miss Green County Renee Robb will compete in the Miss Kentucky State Fair competition.

Jan. 9, 1986
Mt. Sherman couple robbed - Sam DeSpain, 84, and his wife Eva, 73, were robbed at knife and gunpoint by three men on New Year's Eve.

First baby of 1986 - The winner of the 20th Annual Diaper Derby, sponsored by the Record-Herald, is Robyn Lynn Morgan the daughter of Todd and Judy Morgan.

Homes burn - The homes of Buford Akin, Ebenezer, and James Milby, Liberty Church Road, were destroyed by fire.

Summersville, Ann V. Puckett - We have had some pretty days. When the sun shines, it makes us feel better.

Jan. 15, 1976
Green County oil field - The Exie and Pickett's Chapel areas of southern Green County is experiencing an oil boom with 5,500 barrels purchased from the field in December.

Cancer deaths increase - A survey of cancer deaths in 1975 in the United States

shows an increase. There were seventeen deaths due to cancer in Green County in 1975.

Summershade, Hazel Kessler - When we were kids we would make snow cream. A dishpan filled with snow mixed with milk, sugar and vanilla made a tasty treat.

Tobacco market closed - The Greensburg tobacco market closed with sales of \$11,400,000 for the season.

Jan. 14, 1966
Bus survey - Questionnaires have been distributed to determine the demand for a Greyhound bus line through Greensburg.

City Council holds meeting - The Greensburg City Council held the first meeting of 1966 with Mayor George Huddleston presiding and members Rex Paxton, Wilson Cooke, J. R. Henderson, Dr. D.C. Haines and Dr. Ralph Winchester in attendance.

Cattle sale - Eva Milby, Summersville, sold several veal calves at the Bourbon Stock Yard, Louisville, for 38-cents per pound.

Personals - Billy Gene Clark and Mike Huddleston attended a furniture market in Chicago.

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