

My best find... at the Morenci Garage Sales

We spoke to shoppers Saturday morning about their best finds from Morenci's annual community-wide garage sale. Better finds might have followed, so let's consider these the best so far—with more shopping yet to do.



We found Kori Christle walking home along Summit Street with a Clifford, the Big Red Dog costume. Did she just buy it? Not exactly. It was already hers. She had loaned it to someone and retrieved it to give to another friend.

*We accept credit cards!
(Minimum purchase \$10)
How awesome?!*



We spotted Maria Russell of Morenci walking across the street carrying an enormous dream catcher—at least three feet across. Her 11-year-old son collects dream catchers and does she ever have a surprise for him! And it only cost \$4.

Stella Torres of Adrian is 98 years old, but that doesn't stop her from shopping for bargains.

"I take her out to enjoy herself," her son said.

She found a ceramic jar with a locking lid, something she might use to hold flour.

Stella told us she's the mother of seven boys and six girls.



When Penny Falor was asked for her best find, she walked over to her car and pulled out an unlikely choice: a collection of crocheted hot pads.

"I've been trying to make them myself," Penny said.

She's followed a YouTube video, but not too successfully. So far she's turned out scarves and washcloths.

"Look at these beautiful works of art," she said.

The rural Clayton resident came to Morenci Saturday on other business, but then started slowly working her way back north, garage sale by garage sale.



It was a bonus day for the Perry/Cutler children. Emma found a set of crayon markers, Ross got a drum set, and Jack bought a nifty pinball machine. Their mother, Mary Beth Cutler, let them each pick out a treat.



It was Christmas in July for the Sayers from Morenci. Allison found red Christmas sweaters for her daughters Aya and Avie. Now all she needed was one for herself and the Christmas photo would be ready to go.



Allie Anderson walked over to the "free" box at a sale and pulled out Rufus, the Christmas Dog. She only looks for stuffed animals at sales, her father said, and she has them all over her room. He hoped they didn't encounter any more free ones.

Where are you from, Allie?

"Michigan."

We finally got it narrowed down to rural Sand Creek.



Three generations of shoppers were finding satisfaction at the sales. Mike Kolodie, Jr., of rural Lyons was finding some interesting items, such as the horn button of a '56 Chevy and 396 Big Block emblem from a '69 Chevy Chevette. His son, Eli, was equally pleased with his Nintendo DS—black, just like he wanted. Mike Kolodie, Sr., from Quincy was also in town.