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With Yard Sale season now in full swing, bargain shoppers will be happy to learn that the 13th annual TN52 Yard Sale is just around the corner, beginning Friday, May 18th, through Saturday, May 19th, with a variety of deals and steals that you won't want to miss.

Known as the second longest yard sale in Tennessee, the sale begins in Orlinda, Tennessee, crosses I-65 at exit 117, and goes east for a total of almost 95 miles.

The sale passes through four counties: Robertson County, Sumner County, Macon County and Clay, and stops at the Clay/Overton County line just east of Celina, Tennessee.

The sale route will pass though the cities of Orlinda, Portland, Westmoreland, Lafayette, Red Boiling Springs, and Celina, Tennessee. Public restrooms and a variety of restaurants are available in each city along the TN52 trail.

Each year the sale is welcomed by the carloads and attracts tourists from all over the South. The yard sale has been promoted by the Macon County Chamber of Commerce since 2000 as a way to draw visitors to the area.

Traditionally, the largest number of yard sales can be found in the area of TN52 just west of Lafayette. The most popular route is to start at I-65 and travel through Portland, Westmoreland

and Lafayette. Approximately 80 percent of the yard sales are in that area.

Anyone with property (commercial or residential) along Highway 52 is welcome to bring their own items and sell them along the road, and is free to invite friends, neighbors, church groups, civic groups, etc. to join them on their property. Property owners may also choose to rent out spaces, or allow a seller to set up on their property free of charge. Those who don't own property on TN52, should check with property owners before setting up shop.

A temporary permit to become a food vendor is required by State law. For information on how to qualify for and purchase the permit, contact the Macon County Health Department at (615) 666-2124.

During the 2-day event, traffic can become congested, and drivers should be constantly aware of pedestrians. For the safety of everyone participating in the TN52 Yard Sale, drive with caution and be alert, wear your seatbelts and use turn signals, do not exceed the posted speed limit, use extreme caution when crossing the highway on foot, don't stop suddenly if you spot an item that catches your eye, avoid U-turns and pull completely off the road when you stop to look or buy something.

Food, clothing, antiques, toys, quilts, crafts, books, furniture…No matter what you're looking for, you're sure to find it at this year's TN52 Yard Sale! Drive a little, enjoy the scenery and save a lot!

For more information, please call: Macon County Chamber of Commerce at (615) 666-5885, Clay County Chamber of Commerce at (931) 243-3338, Portland Chamber of Commerce at (615) 325-9032, Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce (615) 644-2147, or visit www.TN52.com for the latest updates.