

Some pocket watches have complicated ‘jump hour’ mechanisms

Take a moment and picture a pocket watch. Are you thinking of a hunting case watch with elaborate relief decorations and an engraved monogram? A minimalist open-faced watch with a 14K gold case? Maybe a chain and a fancy fob? One thing is safe to assume: The watch probably tells time with hands on a dial. “Jump hour” watches like the one pictured here show that isn’t always the case. (Yes, this one has a seconds sub-dial, but the jump hour mechanism tells the hours and minutes.)

The jump hour, or jumping hour, watch movement was patented in 1883 by Josef Pallweber, an Austrian engineer. This new type of mechanism included rotating discs with the numerals for the hours and minutes. Windows in the watch face reveal the appropriate numeral. Instead of the familiar hand sweeping the watch’s face

in one fluid movement, the hours appear to “jump” from one discrete number to the next, like today’s digital timekeepers.

The jump hour mechanism was extremely complicated, so not many were made. They experienced a resurgence in the 1920s, when their sleek look and nod to advancing technology fit in with the art deco movement. Jump hour watches from any time are still rare. Unsurprisingly, they sell for high prices at auctions. This one, a Swiss watch with a gunmetal case from about 1900, had a presale estimate of \$80 to \$120 at an auction by Jeffrey S. Evans & Associates. It sold for \$960, more than surpassing expectations.

Q: I have a small china doll. Its surface is rough and not glossy. The hair is sculpted with short curls and painted blond. The face is painted with blue eyes, and socks and shoes

are painted on. The arms and legs are attached with wire. The only mark is the word “Germany” on the back. How old is it, and how much is it worth?

A: Your doll is made of bisque, an unglazed porcelain. Collectors call dolls like yours “all-bisque” to distinguish them from bisque-headed dolls, which are larger, mounted on bodies made of material like wood, leather, or composition, and usually have a maker’s mark. Sometimes small dolls like yours are called “penny dolls” or “dollhouse dolls.” Dolls were marked with the name of their country after 1891. All-bisque dolls were made up to the mid-20th century. Dolls like yours are usually worth about \$20 to \$30.

Unusual features, like a molded hat, or an identifiable maker can increase the value. There are many resources available for doll collecting. For more information, look for books like “The Collector’s Encyclopedia of Dolls” by Dorothy S., Elizabeth A., and Evelyn J. Coleman or Patricia Smith’s “Album of



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it is unlocked. Turn the key back to the left, and it is fully locked. Can you tell me how old it would be, where it was made and if it has any value?

A: Figural padlocks like yours have been made in China for hundreds of years. Artisans made them in many shapes, including animals, everyday objects like musical instruments, and human figures. Turtles and tortoises, often interchangeable in art and mythology, have appeared in decorative arts around the world for thousands of years. In Chinese traditions, they are usually symbols of longevity, strength, and protection, making them especially appropriate for padlocks.

The symbol on the back of yours is a Buddhist mantra. Locks like yours are generally worth about \$20 to \$50, depending on their condition, age, and type of metal. It can be difficult to determine the age of these locks. Many very

lectors Association (alca.name) or West Coast Lock Collectors Association (wclcanet.startlogic.com) may have more information.

Q: What is the value of a Roseville Bleeding Heart wall pocket? The back is marked “Roseville, U.S.A., 1287-8.” It’s in perfect condition with no chips, cracks or crazing.

A: Roseville Pottery Co. was founded in 1890 in Roseville, Ohio. Another plant was opened in Zanesville, Ohio, in 1898. Roseville’s “Bleeding Heart” pattern was made on blue, green or pink ground and in 48 different shapes. The number “1287” is the shape number and “8” is the size in inches. Roseville went out of business in 1954. Green Bleeding Heart wall pockets sell for \$75 to \$129.

Q: Are old Sears catalogs worth anything?

A: Sears, Roebuck and Co. was founded by Richard Sears and Alvah Roebuck in Chicago in 1893. Its first mail-order catalog listed watches and jewelry. By 1894, the catalog included general merchandise. The general catalog, the “Big Book,” was discontinued in 1993 but some specialty catalogs were issued after that. The “Wish Book,” the company’s Christmas catalog, was published from 1934 to 2011. A smaller version was published in 2017. Sears, Roebuck and Co. and Kmart Holding Corporation merged to become Sears Holdings Corporation in 2005. It is now owned by Transformco. Old catalogs published around 1900 or before sell for the highest prices. More recent catalogs sell for about \$10 to \$30. Some sell in lots for less. An original 1902 Sears catalog sold for \$275. Reproductions made in 1969 sell for \$10 to \$20.

Q: My mom has a Furby Baby in its original box and is wondering what it could be worth and how to sell it.

1998. Furby quickly became “the toy” to have and millions were sold. Furby Babies were introduced in 1999. They are smaller and know more phrases. They were made in 25 different colors. Hasbro stopped making the original toys in 2000 but has made new Emoto-Tronic Furby toys since then. Furby Babies sell today for about \$20 to \$40 without a box and \$40 to \$60 in the original box.

TIP: Vintage watches should be cleaned regularly, probably once a year.

Current Prices

Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations because of local economic conditions.

Toy, train set, Lionel, The Liberty Special, electric, 027 gauge, box, 20 x 30 inches, \$60.

Candelabrum, five-light, pierced scrolled arms, gilded, porcelain base, dark blue, portrait medallion, courting couple, paw feet, spelter, 16 1/2 inches, pair, \$65.

Moser, vase, Prism, four tiers, smoky glass, faceted, octagonal, Josef Hoffman, 8 inches, \$85.

Textile, panel, embroidered, center phoenix, corner spandrels, dark blue border, silk, frame, Chinese, c. 1900, 233 x 33 inches, \$125.

Advertising, can, Hitts Danger Lights Red, Illuminates Night Scenes Instantly, red and white lettering, blue ground, flying devil graphic, two parts, Hitts Fireworks Co., \$230.

Porcelain-Asian, vase, oval, blue and white, flowering branches, peony, chrysanthemum, daisy, flying butterflies, marked, Fukagawa, Japan, c. 1920, 12 inches, \$510.

Music, box, cylinder, mixed wood case, hinged lid, inlaid flowers, grain painted sides, eight tunes, Swiss, c. 1900, 6 x 20 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches, \$530.

Quezal, vase, flared neck and foot, King Tut, iridescent, pulled swirls, label, drilled as lamp base, early 20th century, 12 1/2 inches, \$560.

Furniture, bench, hall, Golden Oak, hinged seat, two relief back panels, masks among leaves, scrolling leafy trim, paw feet, dolphin arms, 39 x 56 inches, \$900.



Would you believe the first digital watches were mechanical? The “jump hour” watch, which displayed the hour and minute as discrete digits, was invented in 1883. Jeffrey S. Evans & Associates (c) 2025 by Cowles Syndicate Inc.

All-Bisque Dolls” at your library, or contact a collector’s club like the United Federation of Doll Clubs Inc. (ufdc.org) or a doll auction.

Q: I bought this padlock shaped like a turtle at a thrift store. I had never seen one like it before. That’s why I bought it. It is 5 1/2 inches long and 3 inches wide. On the back of the lock, there is a shape like a wheel with six spokes, and symbols between the spokes. When you turn the key to the right, it is locked, but if you push the turtle’s head to the left, you can pull the top part out so

convincing replicas were made in the 20th century. They were popular souvenirs for tourists, being relatively small and having a practical use as well as decorative value. Like other reproduction hardware, they were also made to use with antique furniture. A lock collectors’ club like the American Lock Col-

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

Columbus Recreation Commission

will meet on July 10, 2025 at 5:00pm at Red Iron Activity Center for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at Columbus City Hall and will be available at this meeting.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES

Cherokee (home county)

BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

The proposed budget year expenditure amount is the maximum expenditure limit for the proposed budget year.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2024	Current Year Estimated 2025	Proposed Budget Year 2026
General	172,096	69,341	72,409
Totals	172,096	69,341	72,409

Lease Purchases:

January 1,

2023	2024	2025
0	0	0

Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

2.474

Total Proposed Estimated Tax Rate

2.474

Columbus Recreation Commission

Recreation Commission Secretary

Almanac for COLUMBUS, KS June 28, 2025				
Daily Data	Observed	Normal	Record Highest	Record Lowest
Max Temperature	81	88	103 in 1936	76 in 1923
Min Temperature	70	68	78 in 1980	53 in 1974
Avg Temperature	75.5	77.7	87.5 in 1980	66.5 in 1985
Precipitation	0.49	0.15	1.86 in 1900	0.00 in 2024
Snowfall	0.0	0.0	0.0 in 2025	0.0 in 2025
Snow Depth	0	-	0 in 2025	0 in 2025
HDD (base 65)	0	0	0 in 2025	0 in 2025
CDD (base 65)	11	13	23 in 1980	2 in 1985
Month-to-Date Summary	Observed	Normal	Record Highest	Record Lowest
Avg Max Temperature	85.0	84.8	97.1 in 1911	78.0 in 1928
Avg Min Temperature	66.8	64.7	70.8 in 1953	57.2 in 1903
Avg Temperature	75.9	74.7	83.1 in 1953	68.3 in 1903
Total Precipitation	7.44	4.87	16.55 in 1948	0.20 in 2020
Total Snowfall	0.0	0.0	T in 1955	0.0 in 2025
Max Snow Depth	0	-	0 in 2025	0 in 2025
Total HDD (base 65)	0	6	33 in 1903	0 in 2025
Total CDD (base 65)	311	278	515 in 1953	125 in 2002
Year-to-Date Summary	Observed	Normal	Record Highest	Record Lowest
Avg Max Temperature	62.6	63.0	84.3 in 1978	58.5 in 1912
Avg Min Temperature	41.4	41.9	63.2 in 1978	36.2 in 1979
Avg Temperature	52.0	52.5	73.7 in 1978	48.0 in 1979
Total Precipitation	28.08	24.11	39.92 in 2019	5.58 in 1978
Total Snowfall (since July 1)	12.0	7.2	34.9 in 1912	0.0 in 2008
Max Snow Depth (since July 1)	5	-	16 in 2011	0 in 2011
Total HDD (since July 1)	3977	4342	5158 in 1912	0 in 2022
Total CDD (since Jan 1)	407	417	715 in 1911	205 in 2002
<div><div>Period of Record:</div><div><div>• Max Temperature : 1892-12-01 to 2025-06-28</div><div>• Min Temperature : 1892-12-01 to 2025-06-28</div><div>• Precipitation : 1892-12-01 to 2025-06-28</div><div>• Snowfall : 1892-12-01 to 2025-06-28</div><div>• Snow Depth : 1898-12-04 to 2025-06-28</div></div></div>				