**Yay!**

It's cider, apples, doughnuts and pumpkin time

4 locations within 12 miles of Fenton

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“I don’t like broken mirrors for the seven years of bad luck. But I’ve broken a mirror before and nothing happened.” — Bethany Merrow, Fenton

“I don’t kill spiders. I take them out and re-release them. So that way it never rains.”

“I’m not superstitious of anything. I step on cracks. I don’t have any rituals.” — Todd Cloutier, Warren

“They say if your purse is on the floor, money is going to go out the door. I put it on a chair or hang it.”

“I don’t know if I am superstitious of anything. The most ridiculous one is Friday the 13th. My birthday’s on it, so I like that number.” — Pam Coffin, Fenton

“I can’t think of anything except when I was a kid. ‘Step on a crack, break your mother’s back.’ That kind of thing.” — Marilou Ensign, Fenton

To Spicer, the cider mill experience is about family getting together and picking apples, and then getting cider and doughnuts. Warm or cool weather, they’ll still come out.

The cider mill is an autumn rite, unique to Michigan, and northeastern states. “They don’t have it in Mississippi, and they don’t have it in Tennessee,” she said, as reported by out-of-state visitors.

Why is it so important here? “We have apples, and they’re looking for the fall season. We have the color change in the leaves. It’s one thing we have that other people don’t have. It makes it something unique to Michigan.”

Greyson Briggs (left) stands by Bryson Fishhabor as he counts his apples on Wednesday.

These few weeks aren’t just special for the families. They’re also special for the mills themselves. A mini army of seasonal workers come in. On staff, Spicer’s has three full-time workers, and 67 part-time people, mostly high school and college students.

Spicer Orchards sells cider and doughnuts, along with a bevy of other activities. Call (810) 632-7692.

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Local cider mills

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Open daily 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Go to spicerorchards.com.

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Mueller’s Orchard and Cider Mill: 6036 Lobdell Road, Linden, (Fenton Township). Also featuring fresh cider and doughnuts, and many other activities, like a pumpkin hayride on weekends. Call (810) 735-7676, or go to muellersorchard.com.

Diehl’s Orchard and Cider Mill: 1479 Ranch Road, Holly (Rose Township). Experience the cider and doughnuts, along with a bevy of other activities. Call (248) 634-8981, or go to diehlsorchard.com.
RARE COINS
IN YOUR POCKET

![Image of rare coins]

**PENNIES**

1943 copper Lincoln penny
One of the most sought-after coins — about 40 have been found. That year, the US Mint switched to making pennies from zinc-coated steel instead of 95 percent copper/5 percent zinc and tin, but by mistake some copper pennies still were made, and those may be worth $10,000 to $100,000, or even $1 million in pristine condition. **Helpful hint:** Hold a magnet up to your 1943 pennies. If any aren’t attracted, you may have a very valuable find.

“Double-die” Lincoln penny
Look for noticeable doubling in the inscriptions “Liberty”... “In God We Trust”... and/or the date. **Years include:**
- 1955, estimated value: $1,000 and up
- 1972, estimated value: $200 to $800
- 1995, estimated value: $5 and up

1984 and 1997 “double-ear” Lincoln pennies
A doubling during the minting process gave Abe Lincoln’s engraved portrait an extra earlobe.

**NICKELS**

1964-D Jefferson nickel with misspelled motto
The middle word in “E Pluribus Unum” on the reverse side of the coin is spelled “Pluridus.”

**DIMES**

2005-D Jefferson nickel with a bison
In the valuable version, an engraving mistake makes it look as if a spear bisects the bison’s back and stomach.

1982 no-P Roosevelt dime
Dimes produced at the Philadelphia Mint never carried a mint mark — a letter indicating where they were made — until 1980, where a small letter “P” was added on the lower right just above the date to signify Philadelphia. **What to look for:** 1982 dimes with no mint mark.

**QUARTERS**

2001-P double Statue of Liberty New York State quarter
Starting in 1999, the US Mint began minting a series of quarters with commemorative features from each of the 50 states on the reverse side. Although they are not very old, these coins are prized by collectors for their variety of mistakes. **What to look for:** The quarter commemorating New York sometimes displays a double image — two George Washingtons on the obverse (heads) side and two images of the Statue of Liberty on the reverse side.

2005 Minnesota quarter of 10,000 mistakes
This is a play on the state’s nickname, the “Land of 10,000 Lakes,” because collectors have so far found more than 50 different versions of this coin with unique mistakes. The coin’s reverse side features a line of evergreen trees along a pristine lake. **What to look for:** In one version of the coin, an extra evergreen tree is floating in the air. Other versions have additional trees in different parts of the landscape.

**HALF-DOLLARS**

Kennedy half-dollar with missing initials
Engraver Frank Gasparro designed the reverse of this coin, which features the presidential coat of arms. He was permitted to place his initials, FG, just to the right of the eagle’s tail. **What to look for:** Some half-dollars made in 1966 and 1972 at the Denver Mint and in 1982 and 1989 at the Philadelphia Mint lack the initials.

**DOLLARS**

“God-less” presidential dollar
For nearly 60 years, the motto “In God We Trust” has been required on US coins. But in 2007, the Mint started making a series of dollar coins to honor deceased US presidents and imprinted the date, mint mark and motto along the rim instead of the front or back. **What to look for:** An error on some coins with George Washington or John Adams (both issued in 2007) eliminated the lettering on the rim.

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Working smoke detectors double odds of surviving fire

Families have less than six minutes to escape home

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According to the latest research done by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire in half. Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths are the result of fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half, according to the NFPA.

Dustin Lucius, a Fenton City firefighter, said, “Make sure that you actually are checking smoke detectors. They really should be checked monthly, but twice at the time change at the least.” He added, “Make sure to have them in all bedrooms, living spaces, and on each floor of the home.”

Checking smoke detectors is as easy as pushing the test button and waiting for the sound. Replace batteries each time change, whether you think they need it or not. When your smoke detector is beeping for low battery, or is beeping because of cooking smoke, don’t just remove the batteries. It’s easy to forget to put them back in.

According to the NFPA, “An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, or where extra time is needed, to awaken elderly, or pets in the home, be sure to have a designated person to help rescue those particular family members. Practice your fire safety plan twice a year.

To meet your local firefighters and learn more about fire safety, check out the list of local open houses in October (see sidebar).

As a plan, the NFPA suggests pulling together everyone in your household, walk through your home, inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Also, mark the location of each smoke alarm. Plan where to meet outside the home, at a safe distance. If there are young children, elderly, or pets in the home, be sure to have a designated person to help rescue those particular family members. Practice your fire safety plan twice a year.

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Peacemakers needed

There’s a high calling in life that few seem to desire: peacemaking. But what does a peacemaker do? A peacemaker cuts through the negative information that frequently floats around dividing people who ought to love one another.

It’s not easy to be a peacemaker because this work is contrary to our nature, yet Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers” (Matthew 5:9). Peacemakers are positive people who raise above the charges and counter charges that often dominate conversations. A peacemaker forgets the cruel comments he hears about others.

When the faults of friends become the topic of a discussion, he maneuvers the conversation to another subject. When he hears something negative about another, he doesn’t feel obligated to report what has been said and when he is approached by one of two who are at odds, he refuses to allow his ear to be a conduit for criticism.

When a peacemaker hears a complimentary comment concerning another person, he’s eager to pass the good word along. He is willing to mediate between people who disagree. He understands the weaknesses of all people but doesn’t major on them.

He has learned to bridle his tongue (James 1:26).

He is swift to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger (James 1:19).

Peacemakers are valuable people because they turn the minds of those they meet from unproductive to productive thoughts. They help break down barriers and bind up wounds. They look for the best in people. No wonder our Lord said they would be called the children of God.

An unhappy woman thought there was no use trying to save her marriage. Sitting across from the desk from me, she related a bitter story about her husband’s faults.

“Is there anything good about him?” I asked.

She wasn’t thought about that in a long time but, after a few moments of silence, she began to name a few redeeming qualifications in this scoundrel and before leaving my office her attitude toward him had changed. A little peacemaking had rescued a troubled home.

An anonymous writer summed up the value of being positive about people in the following brief but powerful piece titled ‘My Eternal Preference.’

“When we are given our rewards, I would prefer to be found to have erred on the side of grace rather than judgment; to have loved too much rather than too little; to have forgiven the undeserving rather than to have refused forgiveness to one who deserved it; to have fed a parasite rather than to have neglected one who was truly hungry; to have been taken advantage of rather than to have taken undue advantage; to have believed too much in my brothers and sisters rather than too little; to have believed the best and been wrong rather than to have believed the worst and been right.”

What great goals for us all!

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Wednesday Evening............................7:00 pm

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Sunday School for all ages..................9:30 am
Sunday Worship..............................11:00 am

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Sabbath School.................................4:30 pm Wednesday
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Seven ways to add ‘curb appeal’ this fall

Autumn presents unique opportunities to spruce up your home’s exterior

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Grab a rake, paint your door and spruce up your landscaping with seasonal fall flowers to make your home stand out from the rest.

“Curb appeal is so important, and fall represents a great opportunity to dress up your home by using fall colors and seasonal decor,” said John Wentworth of the John Wentworth Group at ReMAX Platinum in Fenton. “Multi-colored mums, for example, and gourds can add welcoming color to your front porch area.”

Sheree Hoose, Realtor/assistant manager at Coldwell Banker Professionals in Fenton, also reminds homeowners to keep their yard and flower beds free of excess leaves. “Then dress up your exterior with pots of mums, pumpkins and gourds,”

Here are seven tips to keep your home looking its best in the fall months:

TIP #1 – Spruce up your lawn

Brilliant fall foliage looks beautiful on your trees, but not so much on the lawn. Keep falling leaves at bay with frequent raking. Patch up any brown spots in the grass.

TIP #2 – Plant fall flowers

Spice up your landscape with a splash of fall color, especially vibrant mums.

TIP #3 – Highlight your front door

Make your front door the focal point of your home’s exterior. Use a simple wreath of fall foliage and flowers as an inviting touch. Use a fresh coat of paint in vivid red to make your entrance stand out.

TIP #4 – Clean up the exterior

Once trees shed leaves, your home’s exterior becomes more exposed, making its exterior appearance even more important. Pressure wash the exterior and clean the windows. Apply a fresh coat of paint in places where it’s chipped or faded.

TIP #5 – Clear out gutters

As days get shorter, it’s increasingly important to provide potential homebuyers with a safe path to the front door. Use decorative lights to illuminate walkways, and install floodlights or lanterns to brighten entranceways.

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TIP #7 – Keep décor simple

Use subtle fall décor like a wreath on the door and pots of seasonal flowers. Save scarecrows and spooky Halloween décor for another year when you aren’t trying to sell your house. 
Whether you’re in the market to buy or sell, stay in the game during the holidays

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One thing is for certain. If you don’t have your home on the market during the holidays from Thanksgiving to the New Year, you may miss an opportunity for a successful sale.

“You must be available when the right buyer comes along,” said John Tremaine of Tremaine Real Living in Fenton. “If you want to sell your home, then sell it by keeping it in the market.” To many homeowners, selling a home during the holidays sounds too stressful during an already busy season. But the reality is, there is less competition for both buyers and sellers during the late fall and winter months. This creates a shortage of inventory and a strong seller’s market, in many cases, according to Realtor.com.

“Sellers generally have less competition because of a decreased inventory, and buyers won’t be as likely to find themselves in a multiple offer situation,” said John Wentworth of the John Wentworth Group at ReMax Platinum in Fenton.

Another reason to stay in the game during the holidays? “Only really serious buyers are out looking in November and December,” said Carol Ray, associate broker at Berkshire Hathaway Home Services of Michigan in Fenton. “We normally sell homes between Christmas and New Year’s because the holidays are over and buyers have time to shop for a new home.”

These motivated homebuyers are a seller’s dream, as their jobs and re-location require that they find a home quickly and move in as quickly as possible. “Nobody’s out ‘kicking tires’ in December,” said Tremaine. “You may have fewer showings, but they are for more serious buyers.”

The home seller who is on the market in an area with very few comparable homes can often stick strongly to the price they’re hoping to get. Without a reasonable number of similar, competitive listings for buyers to visit, the seller is in a “power position” because of the scarcity of comparable homes.

The busyness of the holiday season creates a huge surge in Internet house hunting, according to Realtor.com. The added convenience of whittling down a list of preferred homes from the warmth of the buyer’s home during bad weather makes real estate website traffic kick up significantly when the overall market sales might be slowing down.

To have your home discovered during this time, it must be on the market. There are significantly fewer drive-by sightings and other forms of direct-contact market-ing during periods of bad weather. Homes advertised correctly online during this time get significantly more exposure than the average home.

Sellers who “take a break” from being on the market won’t be available when it counts to the online buyer. “Even with the busyness of the holiday season, the technology, tools and apps we have to search for a new home, makes any time of year a good time to look for your new home,” said Sheree Hoose, Realtor, assistant manager for Coldwell Banker Professionals in Fenton.

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Five ‘hassle-free’ ways to keep your home on the market during the holidays

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2. You can specify the times you want to be available to your Realtor for phone calls, emails, showings, etc. The key is to communicate with your Realtor.

3. You can specify the times you want your home to be available for showings, so that it doesn’t interfere with your personal schedule.

4. You can create black-out dates when your home isn’t available at all for showings, i.e., if your in-laws are coming for a week-long visit.

5. You can use your holiday décor as an advantage for showing your home at its best. Just don’t overdo the decorations.

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65’ Frontage, 4 Beds, 2.5 Baths & 2,731 Sq. Ft.
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Hartland Schools - $599,999
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Lake Fenton - $499,999

Lake Fenton - $499,999
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Linden Schools - $150,000
Linden Schools - $367,500
Holly Schools - $389,999

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Home prices still rising slightly

Tri-county area offers desirable market location between I-75 and U.S. 23

By Sally Rummel
news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

The hectic, fast-paced real-estate climate of this summer may be over, but local Realtors are still optimistic about the market going into their fourth quarter of the year.

“We’re in a cycle of business slowing down a bit after back-to-school, but now it’s ‘pick up again,’” said John Wentworth of the John Wentworth Group at Re/Max Platinum in Fenton. “There are still plenty of buyers out there.”

That’s just that homes we were seeing sell in a week are now taking three or four weeks.”

Fenton, Linden and Lake Fenton housing prices continue to appreciate, although there has been a leveling off. That’s still great news for sellers, many of whom used to be “underwater” with their mortgage.

“Our prices are up to about where they were in 2007, before the big housing drop, yet not up to the prices they were in 2005-2006,” said Carol Ray, associate broker with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services of Michigan in Fenton. “Multiple offers on homes that are priced right and in good condition continue to be part of the sales process, although prices are leveling off from the spring market.”

John Tremaine of Tremaine Real Living Real Estate said the market is definitely stabilizing. “People are making more money on the homes they are selling, but they’re also paying more for a house to buy.”

Most Realtors agreed that there is still not enough inventory in the market to truly equalize the playing field for buyers and sellers. “It seems the availability of homes has stabilized and there are fewer foreclosures on the market,” said Susan Hoope, Realtor/assistant manager at Coldwell Banker Professionals.

Pricing appropriately for the market continues to be an important part of a successful sale. “Sellers need to price their home realistically, not adding a buffer hoping to make more money,” said Tremaine. “If you’re overpriced in this market, you won’t have the showings or the sale.”

While the real estate market as a whole is doing its normal fall slow down, some Realtors are finding this early fall to be really busy. “We are in a very busy fall market,” said Hoope, of Coldwell Banker Professionals.

“I’ve sold six properties in 10 days, and all of those were pending sales within 24 hours,” said Wade Pyles, a Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway. “We still have plenty of buyers out there looking to buy, because of pent-up demand. Many people are also buying vacant land to build new homes. Our location between U.S. 23 and I-75 makes us a very desirable market.”

Overall, Americans remain optimistic about the housing market, according to bankrate.com. Fifty-three percent surveyed say they believe home prices will continue to rise within the next 12 months. The median expected price increase among National Association Realtors for the next 12 months is 3.4 percent.

Other good news is that interest rates are still historically low, approximately 4.3 percent. “Many potential buyers are also taking the burden of home ownership and there are great opportunities for mortgages, including Rural Development zero down loans for first-time home buyers and FHA loans,” added Pyles.

Your real-estate attorney

The decision to hire a real-estate attorney to guide your transaction can be a difficult one. Most states leave the choice up to the buyer and seller, while others require it. So the first step in the process is to consult your local real-estate agent about your area’s protocols.

If no real-state attorney is required for your transaction, you may consider your real-estate agent enough of an expert in ethics, distressed property sales and foreclosures to not have to hire an attorney. Many real-estate agents undergo continuous education courses and certification processes to keep them up-to-date on industry legal issues.

Either way, you should consider your individual situation and ask yourself these questions:

Are you an out-of-town buyer?

If yes, you may benefit from the help and guidance of an attorney to help you navigate through the challenging logistics of buying or selling from afar.

Are you purchasing a foreclosure?

Doing so through avenues such as auctions or bank-owned deals can definitely have advantages – lower prices, for one. But these properties also come with a certain amount of risk that can be fully explained by a real estate attorney.

Are you buying a distressed property?

Protecting yourself from potential structural issues such as heavy termite damage or dangerous asbestos should be part of your deal for a home-in-distress purchase, and an attorney can help work this into any contract or purchase deal.

Are you selling a property in distress?

Just like buyers in these situations, sellers need to protect themselves from untimely home damage caused by general deterioration or lack of upkeep. A real-estate attorney can draft contractual language protecting sellers from taking the burden for these issues.

They can also advise sellers to be up front and honest about any potential hazards related to the property, and then adjust any related legal documents accordingly.

A typical real estate client, when given the option of an attorney, usually doesn’t see the need for it. However, if there’s anything unusual about a transaction like a high-end property or property that makes a client uncomfortable, we always recommend they seek legal counsel.

Patrik Welty of Legacy Realty in Fenton
City of Fenton
Invitation to Bid

The City of Fenton is accepting bids 3 (three) Silverado 2500HD Extended Cab, 4WD work trucks, or equivalent, per specifications. Bid specifications are on file for inspection at the Fenton City Hall, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan, and copies may be obtained at that location. Bids shall be accepted by the City Clerk’s Office, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430, until 11 a.m. local time on October 9, 2014.

CITY OF FENTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
ANNUAL REPORT
FYE 6-30-2014

REVENUE

Property taxes captured $1,376,699
Miscellaneous Revenue
Interest $2,362

TOTAL $1,381,061

Bond Reserve (fund balance) $1,689,085

Expenditures
Community Development Plan #1 $857,241
Debt Service - Bond 2
Principal $370,000
Interest $99,450
Bond Fees $780

TOTAL $470,230

Debt Service - Bond 3
Principal $26,000
Interest $6,318
Bond Fees $0

TOTAL $32,318

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness
Bond 2
Principal $2,945,000
Interest $384,050
$3,329,050

Bond 3
Principal $208,000
Interest $23,302
$233,302

Initial Assessed Value
Ad Valorem homestead $734,819
Ad Valorem non-homestead $21,346,781
Total $22,081,600

Captured Value
Ad Valorem non-homestead $73,423,547
Total $73,423,547

Tax Increment Revenues Received
From Schools $607,697
From County $73,284
From City $429,949
From Community College $146,084
From MTA $58,739
From MT Parks $27,558
From Airport $35,588
$1,378,699

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A Look back at the TOP 10 SONGS
As determined by Billboard
1. Good Vibrations - Marky Mark
2. I Adore Mi Amore - Color Me Badd
3. Emotion - Mariah Carey
4. Do Anything - Natural Selection
5. Love Of A Lifetime - Firehouse
6. Romantic - Karyn White
7. Something To Talk - Bonnie Raitt
8. Motownphilly - Boyz II Men
9. Hole Hearted - Extreme
10. Shiny Happy People - REM

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NOTICE OF HYDRANT FLUSHING CITY OF LINDEN
City of Linden residents are advised to check their water before using for laundry, etc. on Monday, October 6, 2014 through Saturday, October 11, 2014.
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1979 CHEVY CAPRICE CLASSIC
4 door, 6 cylinder, 140,000 miles. Two-tone, dark and light blue. All original, no rust, Excellent condition. $4,000 or best offer. 810-659-3454.

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1998 CHEVY MALIBU
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HOUSE PLAN OF THE WEEK
 Sunday, October 5, 2014 15B
Argentine Township Accepting Bids

Argentine Township is accepting sealed bids for construction of the McCaslin Lake Canoe Launch located at the McCaslin Lake Rd. bridge over the Shiawassee River, north of Silver Lake Rd. Construction of the launch is planned for the Fall of 2014 or Spring of 2015 based on permitting and access to the site. Construction plans will be available at the Argentine Township Hall office for viewing.

Sealed bids must be received at the Clerk’s office at 9048 Silver Lake Rd, Linden 48451 by 4:00 p.m. October 22, 2014. Argentine Township Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept/ or refuse any and all bids.

Denise Graves, Argentine Township Clerk

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Village of Holly
Holly, MI
Grange Hall Road Sidewalk
JOB NO. 13C0126
ADVERTISING FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Grange Hall Road Sidewalk will be received by the Village of Holly, at the office of the Village of Holly, Karl Richter Community Center, 300 East Street, Holly MI 48442, until 2:00 PM local time on October 21, 2014, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of constructing concrete sidewalk, HMA paving and patching, tree removal and cleanup and restoration.

The Contractor and Subcontractors on this project must comply with HUD contract provisions 24CFR part 85.36(i), the Davis-Bacon Act, Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 requirements, Anti-Kickback Act, Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act and Department of Labor Standards and Regulations as set forth in the Contract Bid Documents. This municipality is an equal opportunity employer, businesses owned by women or minorities are strongly encouraged to bid.

Principal items of work include but are not limited to:

11.275 SR
Concrete Sidewalk
6 Ea Tree Removal
45 Ton HMA, Hand Patching

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: ROWE Professional Services Company, located at 540 S. Saginaw St., Suite 200, Flint, MI 48502. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday during regular business hours and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents, including drawings, also may be examined at F.W. Dodge Corp.; Construction Association of Michigan; Reed Construction Data; Construction Data; the Village of Holly, 300 East Street, Holly, MI 48442; and the office of the Engineer, 540 S. Saginaw St., Suite 200, Flint, MI 48502 on Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

Drawings, Specifications and other Contract documents for submitting a bid must be obtained upon application at the office of ROWE Professional Services Company, upon the payment of $35.00 per set plus $5.00 per set if mailed. Plans and specifications will not be mailed until payment is received. The non-refundable fee shall be by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover accepted) or check form and shall be drawn payable to ROWE Professional Services Company.

The Engineer’s address is ROWE Professional Services Company, PO. Box 3748, 540 S. Saginaw St., Ste 200, Flint, MI 48502 and the telephone number is (810) 341-7500. Bidding documents must be purchased from the Engineer. Bids submitted on forms obtained anywhere besides the office of ROWE Professional Services Company will not be accepted. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Village of Holly, hereinafter called the Owner, reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any formality or technicality in any Proposal in the interest of the Owner.

Owner: Village of Holly
Date: September 2014

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TOWNSHIP OF TYRONE
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
1951 PA 33 PROCEEDINGS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ESTIMATED COSTS AND EXPENSES FOR POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION, TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT TO BE ASSESSED IN THE DISTRICT FOR POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION AND TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LEVY FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. X0082

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION (2015-2016)

TO ALL OWNERS OR PARTIES IN INTEREST OF ANY LANDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF TYRONE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 33, Public Acts of Michigan, 1895, as amended, the Board of Trustees of Tyrone Township approved a ballot proposition to provide police and fire protection to all the lands and premises within the Township of Tyrone and to defray the cost by creating a special assessment district comprised of all the lands and premises within the Township of Tyrone.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Tyrone Township has estimated the costs and expenses for police and fire protection for fiscal year 2015/2016 to be $582,775.00.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within the district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land within the district as the benefit of such parcel bears to the total benefit to all parcels within the district. For each qualifying parcel containing a structure, the cost will be $150.00 and for each qualifying parcel which is vacant, the cost will be $75.00 and for each qualifying commercial parcel the cost will be $250.00.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, the 19th day of October 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430, telephone number 810-629-9631 to hear objections which may be offered against the estimated cost for police and fire protection and on the distribution of the levy for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2015.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party in interest, or his agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter delivered to the Clerk of Tyrone Township before the date of the public hearing and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any persons having an interest in the property that has appeared and protested or has delivered objections to the Clerk of Tyrone Township as provided in this notice may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal as provided in law.

Keith Kremer
Tyrone Township Clerk
DATED: September 29, 2014

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ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal as provided in law.
Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

Sunday, October 5, 2014

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Paul Anthony Sapiano
Paul Anthony Sapiano - age 97, died September 30, 2014. Services will be celebrated 10 AM Saturday, October 4, 2014 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. David Harvey will celebrate Burial in Our Lady of Hope Catholic Cemetery, Brownstown Township. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, Friday from 2-8 PM and will also be held at church Saturday from 9 AM until the time of Mass. A rosary was prayed 7 PM Friday at the funeral home, followed by a Knight of Columbus service at 7:30 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to St. Vincent de Paul. Paul was born February 13, 1922 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada the son of Peter and Domenica (Gauci) Sapiano. He was a graduate of Holy Trinity Catholic High School in Detroit. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the U.S. Army. He married Mary Elizabeth Hayes December 28, 1946 in Fenton. Paul preceded him in death April 23, 2002. Paul owned and operated a grocery store for many years, he then worked as a buyer for Frank’s Nursery and Crafts, he was also a real estate investor. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, where he was a member of the Usher’s Club. He was a member of the Fenton Knights of Columbus Council #7191, Fenton Assembly #2031, American Legion James Hewitt Post #38, and was a member of the Fenton V.F.W. Curtis Wolverton Post #3243. Surviving are his brother, Charles and wife Patricia Sapiano of Florida; sisters-in-law, Joan B. Foyle and Norma Foley all of Fenton; brother-in-law, Max and wife Mari Ann Foley of Northville; many nieces, nephews, grand nieces, and grand nephews. He was also preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary Ann Grech; and brother, John Sapiano. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.
Soccer mom deplores abusive sideline ‘coaching’

DEAR AMY:
I am a proud soccer mom of two children. My husband coaches their teams. I love watching my children play and my husband coach. The problem is my in-laws, who are spectator grandparents. They come to every game that the children are in. I feel forced to sit with them. My father-in-law screams at the players — things like, ‘That kid is horrible, catch the ball,’ all while that child’s parents are sitting next to us. (Oh, and these are 7-year-olds.) They leave immediately after the games and do not spend any time with the kids except when he lectures my children about how they can improve. My mother-in-law talks to me the entire game. If I try to pay attention to the game and turn away from her, she pouts. My husband has spoken to his father regarding yelling but the situation hasn’t improved. I have tried excuses about sitting elsewhere but they adjust their seating or get visibly distraught. I dread these events now. Please help. — Stressed Soccer Mom

DEAR STRESSED:
Don’t make excuses to cover up your desire to escape your in-laws’ behavior. Tell them, “I want to concentrate on the game today, so I’m going to sit over here,’ and then do it. Youth sports leagues usually have rules about abusive sideline ‘coaching’ and yelling. Anyone screaming, ‘That kid is horrible,’ regarding a 7-year-old should be ejected. If your husband can’t bring himself to eject his father from the game, another coach or league official should do it.

Diet can cut risk of prostate cancer

DEAR DR. ROACH:
I recently was diagnosed with A-fib and am taking metoprolol. My cardiologist also wants me on Xarelto, which is a blood thinner. Why is it necessary to take the blood thinner to avoid blood clots when the metoprolol should be averting the A-fib anyway, which would cause the blood pooling and possible clotting. — F.L.

ANSWER:
Atrial fibrillation (“A-fib”) is a chaotic lack of rhythm in the atria of the heart. This prevents the coordinated mechanical motion of the smaller chambers of the top of the heart — so they no longer fill the ventricles, the larger chambers that send the blood to the lungs (from the right side of the heart) and the body (from the left side). The rate of the ventricles normally is dependent upon the pacemaker in the right atrium. In atrial fibrillation, the ventricular heart rate can be normal, too slow or too fast. The heart rate of most people with A-fib is too fast, at least some of the time. Metoprolol, a beta blocker, slows the heart rate down to prevent dangerously high heart rates. It is pretty effective at doing so, although people who exercise may find that their heart rates can get very high, and may need a different medication. People with A-fib and very slow heart rates may need an artificial pacemaker. Metoprolol does not restore a normal rhythm in A-fib. There are medications, such as flecainide or amiodarone, which can convert A-fib into normal rhythm, though they are not always effective. The heart also can be electrically shocked to try to restore normal rhythm. The decision of treating the heart rate in A-fib versus treating the rhythm depends on the individual’s symptoms and is made by a cardiologist. However, every person with A-fib needs careful consideration of treatment to prevent a blood clot, since the risk for stroke can be high. Older age, female sex and other vascular issues — such as high blood pressure, diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, heart failure and especially a previous history of blood clot or stroke — are risk factors for developing a stroke with A-fib. The anticoagulant (often inappropriately called “blood thinner”) Xarelto, like a much older drug, warfarin (Coumadin), reduce this risk. Most people with A-fib need treatment to prevent blood clot and stroke. AND treatment of either the rate or the rhythm. If rhythm control is successful, anticoagulation may be stopped later.

Crepmy CAULIFLOWER SOUP

INGREDIENTS:
• 1 T. olive oil
• 1 large onion, peeled and chopped
• 1 T. garlic salt
• 16 oz. hot vegetable or chicken stock (either homemade or use 2 stock cubes with water. Use bouillon for gluten free)
• 1 T. dried parsley flakes
Here’s how:
1. Heat the olive oil in a large pan, and fry the onion gently for 4-5 minutes until it starts to turn translucent. Add in the cauliflower, stock and garlic salt. Bring to the boil and simmer for 15 minutes.
2. After 15 minutes, take off the heat and whizz using a hand blender. Put back on the heat, add in the cheese and cream and stir until he cheese has melted. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Serve with a sprinkling of cheese and black pepper and a few chives if you wish.

Recipe from kitchenersanctuary.com

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