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**TROY HISTORIC VILLAGE IS HOSTING "SCARECROW ROW 2014" FOR FAMILIES,
SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES. BUILD A SCARECROW AND WIN!
BUSINESSES GET NOTICED!**

TROY, MI- Troy Historic Village is hosting "Scarecrow Row 2014" through October 2014. Families, schools and businesses will build Scarecrows to be judged for prizes and displayed thru October 31, 2014 around and within the Village grounds. Winning family scarecrows will receive family fun prizes, and the winning school classroom will receive art supplies. On Saturday, September 27, 2014 the Village will hold a Scarecrow Workshop to assist participants in building a Scarecrow. Scarecrow supplies such as clothing, stuffing, and accessories will be provided during the Scarecrow Workshop.

Families can participate in the Scarecrow Row contest by visiting the Troy Historic Village and filling out an entry form or calling 248-524-3570 to register. The cost for a basic Scarecrow family package is \$8. This includes a Scarecrow frame, hardware and assembly tips and tricks. For \$12 a family will receive the Scarecrow frame, hardware, assembly tips and tricks, and admission to the Scarecrow Workshop.

Teachers can register to make a Scarecrow as a classroom project by calling 248-524-3570. Scarecrow Row is free for participating classrooms.

Businesses can participate by calling David Zuza at 248.524.3571 to register. The cost for a basic business package in the Scarecrow Row is \$200, which includes a Scarecrow frame and a prominent sign displaying the company logo. These Scarecrows will be installed along the Livernois fence line where 20,000 cars pass by daily. For \$150 businesses can receive a large Scarecrow plus a second smaller Scarecrow to display in their business lobby. David Zuza, Fund Development Director, Troy Historic Village explains. "This is a great deal which promotes businesses and helps the Village expand regional awareness." Business Scarecrows may be assembled by Troy Historic Village or by the business purchasing the Scarecrow.

Scarecrow kits will be available for pick up at the Troy Historic Village beginning August 25, 2014, 10 am to 3 pm. Finished Scarecrows will be accepted September 29 thru October 3 for judging.

Troy Historic Village is looking for donations of clothing and accessories that would be appropriate to dress and assemble the Scarecrows. Items for donations can be (but not exclusive to) old, second hand: Hats, Gloves, Wigs, Plastic Bags, Newspaper Bags, Costumes, Work Clothes, Old Clothing, and Dry Cleaning Bags. The Village is in great need of these items to make this program the best it can be. Items can be dropped off at the Troy Historic Village Monday thru Friday, 10 am to 3 pm until September 19, 2014.

Troy Historic Village is located at 60 West Wattles Rd., Troy MI. The Village showcases ten historic structures in a charming five-acre complex. Visitors of all ages can explore Michigan history by witnessing and sharing the lifestyles of the pioneers who established homes and farms in rural Troy Township during the 1800s. Troy Historic Village serves the counties of Oakland, Wayne, and Macomb, providing a memorable and interactive experience for all visitors. Offering a wide variety of activities for children and a diverse range of lectures and events for adults, the Village aims to enhance appreciation of history while using Troy's rich and evolving story as a backdrop.

