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IS THIS RIGHT FOR YOU?

It's a simple yet critical question to consider: are the people and communities of Shelby County right for you and your business? Is it the right place to find those that will help you prosper and keep your dreams alive? Ultimately, that'll come down to a first-hand visit, but for starters we'd like to share some of what you can come to expect:

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AVOCA - (above and at right) A new 12-unit housing development, Sunny Ridge Subdivision, is going up adjacent to East Jaycee St. The development is a block south of the Avoca Country Club. All utilities and streets are being installed by the Avoca Utility Board.



AVOCA - East Jaycee Street.

Top 10 best return on your investment projects

- 1. Clean / de-clutter Remove clutter by storing items in basement, attic or friend's home. Rent a storage space or sell excess items, if needed.
- 2. Lighten and brighten
 - Replace any burntout bulbs and use higher wattage bulbs, if possible. Have defective electrical components repaired or replaced.
- **3. Yard -** Store away personal effects from front yard. Hire gardener or landscaper to trim back the overgrowth and maintain yard.

- **4. Plumbing and electrical** 260% Average Return on Investment: Consider repairing/replacing any defective plumbing or electrical items.
- **5. Staging** Buy fresh flowers and plants to liven up the home.
- **6.** Update kitchen and bath Update kitchen and baths by resurfacing cabinets or painting with neutral color. Replace toilet seats, dated fixtures and drawer/cabinet handles.
- **7. Paint interior -** Repair or re-paint any damaged interior walls by patching all chips, holes and cracks.



- **8. Carpeting** Shampoo and/or spot removal should suffice.
- 9. Flooring Repair and refinish damaged floors, or cover with neutral-colored wall to wall carpet.
- 10. Paint exterior Repaint or resurface the outside walls of house. Patch and repair any damaged areas.



AVOCA - East Baker Street.



AVOCA - East Wood Street.



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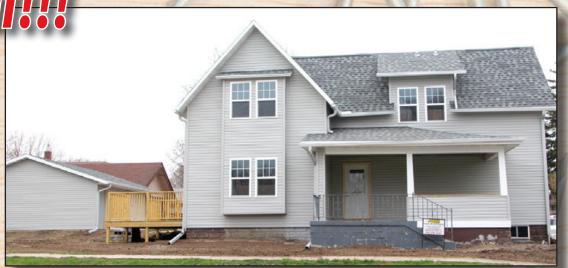
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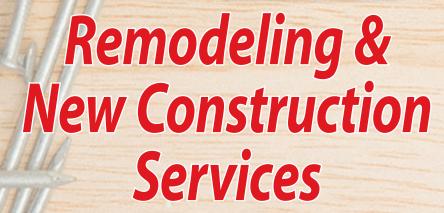
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Geothermal heat pumps offer solution to volatile heating prices

There's nothing like a crisis to increase awareness, especially when that crisis is COLD. This winter has unleashed brutally frigid temperatures on citizens around the country, teaching all of us some hard lessons about reliable and affordable heat for our homes.

For those suffering cold and shortages of highpriced fuels under the brunt of the Polar Vortex, there is an alternative-geothermal heat pumps.

Avoid price volatility

As nasty winter weather escalates the volatility of gas and propane prices, it also cries for a cost-effective alternative.

One that people everywhere can rely on to keep their homes snug and warm, and one that will tame soaring monthly energy costs. "That alternative is geo-

thermal energy, stored by Nature in the earth beneath your yard," says Dougherty.

The U.S. Dept. of Energy says that homeowners pay 70% of their energy bills for heating, cooling and hot water. Cutting heating and cooling costs by 50% or more with geothermal heat pumps puts more disposable income into homeowners' pockets, insulates them from fuel price shocks, and spares them the fear of "running out" of fuel.

Calculations from a major geothermal heat pump manufacturer show that at average prices during this year's blizzards, thermal energy from the earth saves 426% compared to fuel oil, 81% compared to natural gas, and an astounding 615% compared to propane!

The federal government, states and some electric utilities offer financial incentives for residential and commercial geothermal heat pump installations. "But we can do more," says Dougherty.

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HARLAN - The scope of the City of Harlan's new Dye Street housing development created the potential for 79 single and multi-family housing lots to the northern edge of the Harlan city limits. Grading, installation of gas, water, electric, phone, fiber optics and sewer lines began at the development site on May 30, 2008.

Foutch Brothers, West Des Moines, received tax credit approval and built 25 units in the Christiansen sub-division – 15 single-family homes and 10 duplexes at an estimated total cost of more than \$4.2 million. All of the units are currently occupied and also in the development are several private homes not associated with the Foutch project.

The Harlan City Council approved the purchase of approximately 40 plus acres of land near Seventh and Dye Streets from Gale Vandenberg, for \$175,000 and \$300,000 to Randy Brandon in 2008. The purchase is part of an overall \$2.5 million project that will see the 40-acre tract developed into housing lots.



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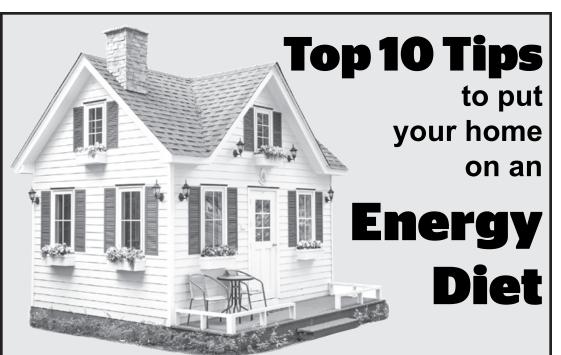




DEFIANCE - North end of town.



PANAMA - Northwest on Lasalle.





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