

Build your Dream House with Accents from Ballen Supply

Do you look through home decorating magazines in search of that unique look which will make your house stand out from the rest on the block? Julie Boyer is president of Ballen Supply, a Rochester company that specializes in architectural accents and accessories for upscale homes.

Decorative crown moldings, ceiling

medallions and columns once found in historic homes are now available in reproductions made from a lightweight polymer similar in density to white pine or molded millwork. Also available are fireplace mantels, lamps and mirrors. Ballen also sells exterior treatments such as window headers, shutters, entry systems, ornamental

gingerbread bracketry and other items to dress up a home. "These outdoor items will never rot and are maintenance free," says Boyer.

Do-it-yourselfers, builders, designers and architects buy their supplies from Ballen. Boyer discovered the appeal of these products while working with her father who is a builder. Since no one was distributing these lines she decided to go into business and located her showroom at 431 Main in downtown Rochester.

Visit Ballen Supply Mondays through Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed on Sundays.



Julie Boyer of Ballen Supply

State's only safe deposit company reaches for 100 percent capacity

Imagine having your very own storage room, with an around-the-clock guard as protection as well as around-the-clock access. Well, unless you own a bank or have enough money to hire 24-hour manpower to guard your house, there are few options left.

Doug Haxer, owner of the Depository, has an opportunity for anyone who wants the security of knowing their valuables are safe, can get access seven days a week and wants the service to be kept secret.

"Everyone has a need to store valuables, and most people do a poor job of protecting those goods," he said. "And we are the only private safe deposit company in the state of Michigan. The Depository, at 30555 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills, can deliver that protection for less than \$100 a year. With 27 different sized boxes, Haxer is confident there is a box in The Depository that can fit everyone's need. Leases are one year long and cost up to \$5,000. "People can just come in, pick out the size box needed and fill it up the same day," said Haxer about the ease of obtaining a box. Getting into the protective areas however, is not as easy. People have to sign-up, enter a pin number and each box has an individual key.

Haxer opened The Depository in 1981 at a Bingham Farms location. They moved to their current location in January of 1995. Their goal now

that they are completely settled: reaching 100 percent capacity.

The Depository is licensed by the Financial Institutions Bureau as a safe deposit company.

"We're just like a bank except we don't give loans," Haxer said. In fact, the close relationship between the safe deposit company and a bank is what drew Haxer to research the business 16 years ago.

"Safety deposit companies were going to be the wave of the future. With the increased use of ATMs, banks were going to get away from building full service branches," said Haxer.

Haxer, or any one of his nine employees, can set up a safety deposit box from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday or on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Douglas Haxer, president of The Depository

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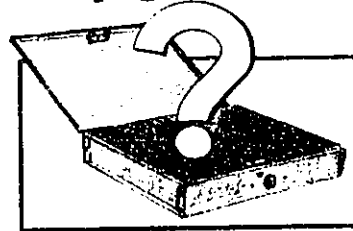
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- Columns & Capitals
- Fireplace Surrounds & Mantels
- Ceiling Medallions
- Lamps & Mirrors

• Also a large selection of maintenance free exterior trim: door pediments & Pilasters, louvered vents, brackets, window headers...

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Protecting your valuables in today's world isn't an easy task. The old days of piggy banks, cookie jars, mattresses and hiding things under floorboards are long gone. Today's criminals are smart, sophisticated and know how and where to look.

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