Varm ideas for Winter Awareness Week

Despite the lack of snow so far, Gov. James Blanchard has designated this week, Nov. 25-Dec. 1, as Winter Awareness Week. The lack of snow and ice means residents still have some time to prepare for winter's onshaught.

"The people of Michigan need to be

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"The people of Michigan need to be aware of the danger these winder hazards present and of the steps that can be taken to prepare for them. The state, county and runnicipal emergency preparedness coordinators, the National Weather Service and the news media are cooperating to educate the public about these hazards and how to prepare for them," according to Blanchard's executive declaration.

partments offer winter safety tips to in-crease public awareness of winter dangers and safety precautions that can be taken.

WHEN OUTDOORS in extreme cold

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• You should wear loosing-fitting, light-weight warm clothing in several layers, rather than a single layer of thick clothing. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellant. Wear a wool hat and mittens instead of gloves, which don't allow your fingers to have contact to keep each other warm. Keep clothes dry and remove all wet clothing as soon as possible.

Avoid overexertion from walking or shoveling snow, even if you are in good

Prepare you vehicle for winter travel by:

 Keeping it in good condition, always with a full tank of gas to keep water out of Emergency storm supplies that should

Emergency storm supplies that should be kept in your car include a shovel, flash-light, first aid kit, set of tire chains, tow chain or rope, container of sand, windshield scraper and battery-operated radio.
 If you become stranded in your car dur-ing a storm, remember to:

Stay in your car. Disorientation comes quickly in blowing and drifting snow.

• Walt for help, don't panic and stay calm.

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• Keep a window open a bit to avoid car-bon monoxide poisoning.

• Run the engine and heater sparingly.

• Keep sutch. If you are with other peo-ple, don't let everyone steep at the same time.

Occasionally exercise.

YOUR HOME can be prepared for winter

YOUR HOUSE AND PAPERS STORMS BY:

Stocking it with canned and dried foods, flashlights, candles, a battery-powered radio, extra blankets and heavy clothes.

Cover windows with plastle, caulk and

weatherstrip doors and wrap water pipes with special pipe insulation. Winter safety in your home can be main-tained by:

thed by:

• Keeping chimneys clean at all times.
• Properly using wood-burning stoves, erosene heaters and space heaters, which, or example, should not be placed near ombustible materials.

"They should use the equipment as it was designed. Follow the instructions. The equipment usually is safe if used appropriately and by the instruction," deputy fire Chief Peter Baldwin said.

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Keeping fire hydrants in front or near
homes free of snow and ice also helps the
fire department. "We rely on having these
hydrants visible for us," Baldwin said.

Teen gets probation for role in fatal crash

A West Bloomfield youth was sen-tenced to two years probation for negligent homicide, a charge stemm-ing from a car accident last March that killed a 16-year-old Groves stu-

dent.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Alice Gilbert ordered 18-year-old Jeffrey Hong to complete two year probation, pay \$850 in costs and not drive while on probation. Hong pleaded no contest to the driving charge, after Gilbert refused his request to place him on the Youthful Traince Act program.

Hong, now a freshman at Michigan State University, was also required to seek mental health counseling as part of the sentence. Hong was driving a 1988 Hyundai that struck a tree on Sunningdale, as buddwision street in Bloomfeid Township. The accident killed Hongs friend Andrew Chol, then a Groves sophomore. Hong and another friend, Sung Hoon Lee, were injured in the crash.

DURING A preliminary examina-tion, a defense attorney said the three youths had attended a Bible

study group just before the accident. Police said the car was going up to 3 mph at the time of the creats. But Hongs attorney, Donald Lewis, introduced an accident specialist who said the car was not specifing. Lewis said the was a disappointed Judge Glibert refused to place Hong on YTA pergram, which allows for young people who have completed

probation to emerge with a clean record.

Lewis said neither the probation department nor the prosecutor ob-jected to Hong being granted YTA status. "This particular judge had problems with it and refused it and was forcing us to go to trial," said Lewis.





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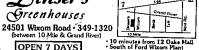
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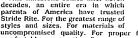


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