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Snap on Tools sales person, as a gregarious, good hearted, "people person." Williamson recently lost her job of 20 years when Crowley's closed.

On one hand he plays stern and refers to himself as "old-fashioned enough" to insist that she take his name. But, the tough veneer melts as he explains that he won't see and movies with her, because they make him too sad.

Coming full circle, the couple will be married in Barbara and Dick's backyard. In fact, the Kellys will be going with them to Las Vegas to celebrate their marriage.

Another coincidence surfaced when Farmington Mayor Mary Bush was asked to officiate at the wedding: Bush graduated with Nowels' daughter from North Farmington High School and she's also selling the house Williamson shared with Ramon.

"It means so much more having grown up in community and have all these interactions," Bush said. "The experience of being mayor is made all the more special."

Nowels and Williamson feel special, too. In fact, Nowels describes their getting together as "almost like a fairy tale."

"The nice thing about our relationship is that we can kid each other," Nowels said. "It seems that fate has brought us together, if you want to call it that."



Happy couple: Wayne Nowels and Joyce Williamson wed on Saturday.

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Detroit United Railway, which was a system of trolley cars that ran from Detroit to Farmington and beyond. The DUR tracks were along Grand River.

Subdivisions sprouting

By the 1920s farms were being developed into subdivisions, particularly along Grand River, which was accessible from the roads and the DUR. The DUR was as close as Farmington ever got to rapid transit.

In 1924, when Grand River was widened, Henry Ford bought the Botsford Inn to preserve it. He moved it back 200 feet and researched its origin. A number of Clarenceville houses along Grand River were moved to the new subdivisions.

The Clarenceville Blacksmith house was moved to a new location where Grand River and Eight Mile met.

By the 1940s, Eight Mile was widened. Once again the

Clarenceville Blacksmith's house was moved.

House is rediscovered

Mrs. Edgerton explained in a letter April 8, 1980, how they found their house in 1946 on cement blocks. It was owned by a real estate dealer and had not been lived in for many years.

The Edgertons had a basement dug and moved the house to sit on the freshly dug basement. Once the house was on its new foundation, the Edgertons moved in. Within a few years,

the Edgertons added a wing with a bedroom and bathroom. The addition had a flat roof.

The house has had many owners after the Edgertons moved to Connecticut.

Thanks to Mrs. Edgerton's research, we can identify this house, while some of the other houses moved from old Clarenceville will probably never be traced to their original sites or ownership.

Ruth Moehman is a local historian and author of *Heritage Homes of Farmington*.

Nov. 5 Stars & Stripes show honors vets

The City of Farmington Hills Senior Adult Division is hosting a Veterans' Day Remembrance, "Stars & Stripes Forever" at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at the Senior Center in the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills.

There will be a luncheon, dancing, keynote speakers and a musical tribute by the Harrison High School Marching Band. Tickets are \$3.50 and can be purchased at the Senior Center. Ticket sales are limited to 300. Call 473-1862.

Merchant of Venice debuts

The Wayne State University Hillberry Theatre presents, for the first time, William Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice."

This social comedy explores the exotic world of 16th century Venice, the bond of friendship and love, and the misunderstood outcast. "The Merchant of Venice" will run from Oct. 15 through Dec. 9 and is directed by Leonard Leone guest artist Gillian Eaton.

The "Merchant of Venice" is a comedy of attitudes that centers around the themes of power, pride and the opulent lifestyle of the ruling merchant class. Antonio, a merchant, seeks the financial assistance of Shylock in order to help his friend Bassanio win the hand of the beautiful and noble Portia. As a condition of the loan, Shylock does not charge interest but demands a pound of flesh if the debt is not repaid in time.

"The Merchant of Venice" realistically portrays a Venetian society in which Jewish people were considered outcasts and often ignored or mistreated. Shakespeare uses the treatment of Shylock, a Jewish moneylender, to illustrate the intolerance of human beings toward each other.

"The Merchant of Venice" reveals the misunderstanding and intolerance between two cultures set in a grand and flourishing city, where fortunes are made or lost and passion and individuality are noble pursuits.

Gillian Eaton is well-known for her performance and directing work both in the United States and in England.

"The Merchant of Venice" opens at the Hillberry Theatre Friday, Oct. 16, and will run in rotating repertory through Dec. 9. The play features Hillberry company members Gavin Lewis as the outcast Shylock, Sara Wolf as the merciful and noble Portia, and Chris Gilbert as the merchant Antonio.

Tickets range from \$11 to \$18. Group discounts are available. For tickets, call (313) 677-2972.

The Clarenceville Blacksmith's house was moved twice and the Edgertons, who bought it in 1946, dug a basement and added a wing with a bedroom and a bathroom.

ENQUETE EXPERT

When to use coupons

Recently a couple asked me how they like it. But that would put you in the same category as your friends, and you would be doing exactly what disturbs you about them. Do you want that?

If this occurs again, here are some choices to consider:

Each couple should have their own coupon. If not, no coupons by either couple should be used as it can cause ill feelings. The few dollars saved is not worth the risk of developing a crack in the friendship.

If you are paying for your own meal, you should have a say in choosing a restaurant. If your host will be picking up the tab, it is his right to pick an eatery of his choice, and as a guest, you do not disagree unless you are asked what is your preference.

A less-convenient way to have settled the situation would have been to ask the waiter to split the coupon between the two couples. But since all four meals could have been different prices, the waiter would have to be a math wizard to figure out the checks and should not be obliged to do so.

It is best to use restaurant coupons only with family or close friends, those with whom you are free and comfortable. Under no circumstance do you want to use them to make a good impression, such as: a first date, when having out-of-town guests, or when inviting your boss or your spouse's boss to dinner.

Using a coupon at these times can send a wrong message.

To make a good impression, here's an idea. On one occasion a gentleman friend helped me with some business transactions yet refused monetary compensation. I invited him out to lunch at an elegant French bistro. When we entered the restaurant, I went alone to the desk to check on my reservation. At that time, I left instructions that I did not want the bill to arrive at the table and that I would be back at the end of the meal to pay the tab. When dessert was served, I excused myself and went to the desk and paid the bill. My friend probably thought I went to powder my nose because as we were leaving he wondered about the check. I told him it was already taken care of. "When? How did you do that?" I just smiled sweetly and said "That's my secret!" Now it can be yours, too.

Margit Erickson is founder of Margit Erickson and Co. She is host/producer of *The Elegant Life* on Time Warner cable channel 12. Call her with etiquette questions at 471-6170.

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