



HELPING YOU FIND YOUR WAY HOME

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#### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"There are no  
shortcuts." Michael  
Jordan

#### Congratulations

Please join us in  
congratulating Steve  
Wicker. Thank you to all  
who participated and this  
month the prize could be  
yours.

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#### Real Estate

According to the latest RMLS report if you compare the 12 months ending in July 2006 with the 12 prior, the average sale price increased 17.4% (\$309,400 v. \$263,500). Using the same date range, median sale price increased 18% (\$260,000 v. \$220,400).

#### Upcoming Fun Activity

Halloween is around the corner and it is time to start thinking about costumes, what to pass out to the trick-or-treaters, and what fun events you can do to celebrate. So here is an idea that all ages can enjoy. Go pick out your own pumpkin, peruse the fresh market and just enjoy a fall day at the pumpkin patch.

Hours: 9am-6pm Daily June-October

Phone: (503) 621-3874

Website: [www.thepumpkinpatch.com](http://www.thepumpkinpatch.com)

Address: 16511 NW Gillihan Road on Sauvie's Island.

#### Trivia Contest

Who will be the next winner with the correct answer and the first to respond?

Q: For every dollar you spend for produce at the supermarket, how much goes to the farmer who grew the produce:

(a) 5 cents; (b) 10 cents; or (c) 15 cents?

#### Decorating Tips

Tip 1: Are you entertaining this Fall and looking for quick and easy decorations that are original. Grab a few small pumpkins or squash while picking up your pumpkin and carve a small hole in them, under the lid and then fit a tea light in the hole. It is a great centerpiece and the candle can also be hidden by placing the lid back on.

Tip 2: Tired of your white ceilings but fearful of painting them a color as they may close in on you. I learned from a professional painter that if you paint the walls of a room, take the same color but only at 30% of the wall color and paint the ceiling. This pulls the room together and gives you a bit of color while eliminating the closing in effect.

