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Dear Mayor Ireland,

My name is Ellen. Several weeks ago my husband Joe & I drove to your town to meet my relatives for lunch. We live in Nallandale, they, from Michigan but camp here yearly. We noticed the "Sugar Festival" signs & Joe & I knew we had to return for it.

For us, it was a town at its finest. The people were helpful, from where to park, to describing the wares they were selling, to the fantastic cars on display.

We spent the whole day there. The absence of trash strewn about on the grounds ~~was~~^{was} noticable. People were kind to take our picture here & there, of us!

I think we were most impressed by the Sugar Cane display. As we were taking a break outside on the rocking chairs provided. (whoever thought of THAT idea should get a raise!!) ... an old timer came up to us & proceeded to demonstrate how to remove the outside of the stalk to reach the sweet fibers... with his teeth!! That, was a show in itself! A genuine Serendipity!

Those that passed out samples inside the tent could answer any question we asked. One even went so far as to show Joe how to prepare.. and plant his own cane!

The samples alone were amazing. I never realized the different stages a simple stalk goes through to buy my store bought

sugar! I treasure my little bottle of "Pure Carr Syrup," it is delicious.

We have a new appreciation of sugar because of our wonderful visit to your festival!

I couldn't find where locals sell their homemade goodies... I was hoping to buy some pralines... my Grandma's Christmas specialty.

We thank you Mayor Roland, and your lovely town of Clewiston for a wonderful time!

Clewiston... The Sweetest town, indeed!

God Bless.

Joe & Ellen
Fedor