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## Letter of thanks to the Fruitport Community

### Letter to The Editor:

Thank you for your support at the benefit for our daughter, Mariah Ackerman. The support we received was overwhelming and left us speechless. We are very proud of our town and people who live in the Fruitport community. There are so many GOOD people in



Fruitport. Thank you!!

The money you raised will go toward paying bills and for whatever she needs in the future. Mariah has a long road ahead. Leukemia takes three years to treat and she is only in her fifth month. She has two years and seven months to go. They consider her cancer-free at five years.

Thank you for caring about Mariah. Our life is blessed because of all of you. A special thanks to Sandy Hill for the benefit and Fruitport High School staff and students (Principal Lauren Chesney, Ken Erny and the girls' basketball teams), Bernie O's Pizza, Versatility Hair Salon, TGW Systems, Shoreline Vision and all the other sponsors.

May God bless you all. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,  
 Craig, Lori and  
 Mariah Ackerman

### Have a heart!?

### Letter to the Editor:

(In response to the Mark Diederich article)

What is happening to this country? This man is a human being with a heart that is still beating, just like you. Fruitport Township should be ashamed of themselves to shut his electric power off and yellow tape his driveway. I realize there are ordinances and laws, but they are also bent or broken at times. If this man has lived here his entire life, why not leave him alone for the rest of it? Let him alone, or better yet, why not help him? Get together and help him fix his place up. Or, give him some financial help so he can do it himself. I am sure there must be some human beings in this community with some extra \$\$\$ that could very easily do this.

How many of you go to or belong to a church? How many of you call yourselves good Christians? How many of you think you are a good neighbor? How many of you believe "do unto your neighbor as you would do unto yourself"? Hippocrates do the opposite of what they claim they believe. I do not know, or have ever met, this man. But I think it is "very sad" what is happening to this world. You don't have to go to church to believe in God and to know right from wrong.

Help this human being instead of condemning him.

A concerned citizen and someone who still has a heart - Dorothy Krohn

(PS. How many of you have ever cut and split wood by hand?)•

## Pet foods and products that kill

(Submitted by Christine Bishop)

Loving pet moms and dads who are trying to give their pets the very best are poisoning them just by buying the pet food out there on our market shelves.

A great example is the small pet bedding, Pine and Cedar. Both have pictures of small animals on the front of their packaging while both have lasting toxic aromatic oils that kill our pets by slowly poisoning them. The aromatic oils are long known to be a toxin to our small pets' livers and will poison them. It is not a matter of if...it is a matter of when, yet they are for sale with imagery to persuade us pet lovers to purchase them thinking they are safe. After all, how could they be for sale for our pets if they are not safe?

Another killer, flea collars, is available on our market shelves worldwide. Flea collars are long known to be full of a toxin that poisons our pets, does not kill fleas, and is dangerous to us and our human children. These things do not ever belong around your pet's neck as a collar.

Why can't these companies just be honest and stop hurting our pets?

A way to insure that the food you are buying is safe is to make sure it is made in the United States. It will be labeled saying where it is made. Even pet foods made in the U.S. does not guarantee that they meet the nutritional needs of our pets. I can guarantee you will be amazed to find that road kill, diseased and dying animals from meat farms (labeled unfit for human consumption) will be picked up for pet food. These are just two of the vile realities that our beloved pets eat every single day. And we wonder why cancer is rampant in our pets these days?

Arm yourself and get educated. Visit [www.healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthy\\_pets/archive/2012/04/25/pet-food-nutrition-tips.aspx](http://www.healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthy_pets/archive/2012/04/25/pet-food-nutrition-tips.aspx). You can also see the Top 20 causes of pet poisoning in 2011 by visiting [www.healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthy\\_pets/archive/2012/04/25/top-pet-poisoning-causes.aspx](http://www.healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthy_pets/archive/2012/04/25/top-pet-poisoning-causes.aspx).•

## Heartfelt thanks and explanation

### Letter to the Editor:

Hallow YOU:) (That's how the birdies say hello:))  
 YA \*\*very\*\* special and loving person:))...something I think important and I want to tell you...

ALWAYS and 100,000 times over, FROM MY HEART!!

THANK YOU!!

That is number one .....as well as xxxxxxxx0000  
 If you have sent any donations for the animals here at the CritterCafeRescue...for the paperwork or attorney costs regarding the Fruitport Township Zoning Board of Appeals or the Planning Commission meetings on amending the B3 Business District that \*\*may\*\* allow the CritterCafe to continue trying to rescue the domestic and wild animals from this and surrounding communities from being completely closed down...I so much appreciate your help.

I have and will \*\*always\*\* be 100 percent honest where every cent of any money goes to this rescue...

If your check comes back with "payable to FAH" after my signature, please understand I have written your donation payable to Fruitport Animal Hospital. That is because I have got to get something (some kind of payment) to my beloved vets to continue their care/well checks/spay and neuters of the animals taken in there. They wait and don't pester me, ever, but I must continue trying to pay as I go along.

Please accept my full apology if you had hoped your donation would/could help with attorney fees or paperwork with Fruitport Township, ok?

Please, if need be, I would, return ANY money....

Just please know I am trying to do the best I can.

Thank you, Christine

## Take steps to avoid Medicare fraud

(Courtesy, North Ottawa County Council on Aging)

"Financial scams against seniors have risen to all-time highs and are now even considered 'crimes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century'. Many believe that seniors have a surplus of finances and use this as their basis for committing such crimes. Unfortunately, many of the victims of these scams are seniors living with limited means who are at the mercy of these crimes.

"The National Council on Aging (NCOA) recently released a report on the top 10 scams targeting seniors. Not surprisingly, health care fraud topped the list. It is general knowledge that Medicare is available to most Americans over the age of 65, making Medicare beneficiaries easy prey for scam artists. Since very little research is involved in finding their victims, more and more criminals are focusing on committing these crimes. Compounding the problem is that many beneficiaries have a supplemental policy that picks up what Medicare doesn't pay. By not receiving a bill for medical costs, it becomes easy for people to overlook fraudulent claims to their Medicare benefit.

"Perpetrators may pose as a Medicare repre-

sentative trying to get your personal information. They can use personal health identification numbers to bill Medicare for false claims. Another tactic is soliciting you to purchase home health services or equipment, or bad insurance policies. Medicare loses an estimated \$50 billion a year nationally to health care swindlers. We can see this loss in the rising costs for services and premiums. Even though you might not have personally fallen prey to a scam, we all become victims of Medicare fraud. These actions have a ripple effect on the economy and health system.

"Here are some tactics you can use to stand up and help stop these crimes:

- Be suspicious of salespeople trying to sell you something they claim will be paid for by Medicare.

- Review your Medicare Summary Notice to be sure you have received the services listed.

- Avoid telemarketing calls for medical goods like diabetes test strips or wheelchairs.

- Know if your physician ordered equipment for you."•