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# Letter to the Editor

## Letter writer misses the point

Dear Editor,

I find it quite amusing that Phyllis Fetsch criticizes Small Victories Ministry, but yet she and others have called my mom on several occasions when they needed help with some girls. You talk about shame? Shame on you Phyllis.

Also, when Connie Blackmon of the Pregnancy Care Center has needed help she has called my dad on several occasions.

You are right about one thing, though. The Hope Clinic does give counseling. I believe they counsel women to kill their babies after the women pay them between \$400 and \$2,400.

You completely miss the point regarding the Knights of Columbus fundraiser. You don't collect money from people assuming that it is going to the Highland Right to Life and then give it to someone else.

Isaiah 5:20, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil." As Jesus said, "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first."

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# Support Mental Health Parity Act

Dear Editor,

Senate Bill 558, the Mental Health Parity Act, ensures that individuals living with a mental illness are afforded the same level of insurance coverage as individuals with a physical illness. Many people are unaware that with proper treatment services, support and recovery programs, people who have mental illness can be functional individuals who live independently, work and contribute to the community and society.

Imagine being told you have a life-threatening illness. Your insurance company informs you that you're only allowed to see the specialist 15 times a year; 20 days a year for hospitalization; and you will have to pay two to three times more for your treatment and the needed life sustaining prescriptions.

This happens everyday when one in the three people who has some form of mental illness are diagnosed, according to the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance. The President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health reports about one out of every two of those people does not get the treatment they need.

People diagnosed with mental illnesses are at risk of not recovering simply because of insurance coverage, including those with post traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety, border-line personality and more and are restricted on treatment and recovery services. Mental illness does not discriminate against gender, race, age or income. Yet, those who have a mental illness are discriminated against daily, including getting the help they need.

Please help stop the discrimination. Contact your senator and ask for his support of SB 558.

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# A thought to remember

**Bandelier Abstract.**

The Adolph E. Bandelier farm was on Trestle Road where Paul and Marge Capelle live today, and it's their copy of the abstract for the Bandelier farm that I'll be using as my concluding story about the Bandeliers.

I'll start with Madeleine Turrell Rodack's description of their farm: "Young Bandelier grew up on the Highland farm purchased by his father, Adolph E. Bandelier, in 1848 (and 1849). The Bandeliers did not work the farm themselves, but employed others to do so. With its house standing on a high hill, overlooking the town of Highland, the property had the appearance of an estate."

Paul and Marge tore down the old Bandelier home, when they built their new home on the hill just across the road from Donald Shimer's.

Marge said the old brick arched top wine cellar of the Bandelier's is just under their driveway and that some of their fruit trees are descendants of the Bandelier orchard. The old barn was also built by the Bandeliers.

The Bandelier farm was made from at least three different purchases from the United States. The Capelle's abstract goes back to 1814. I hope you enjoy items from an old abstract, which contain more information about families, as well as the legal information.

The oldest entry is: "United States to William Biggs, dated Dec. 24, 1814, S.E. Quarter of Section 19, 40 acres, Saline Township." (You might remember the



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Creek in 1823.)  
Then "William Biggs to Samuel Judy, filed Nov. 24, 1824, Samuel Judy and wife and William Kinney and wife to James Semple on June 26, 1837." With this notation, "All the right title and inter-


est acquired by purchase under an order in Chancery of the St. Clair Co. Court against William Biggs Estate. (So by 1837 William Biggs had died.) James Semple and wife to Richard Bagby on August 6, 1837." (James Semple and Richard Bagby were two of the six investors who founded Highland on Sept. 15, 1837.)

"Richard Bagby and wife to Adolph E. Bandelier on Dec. 15, 1849. The other two parcels were south of the Bandelier home in Section 33. The entry was on Aug. 20, 1836, the NW Quarter of the SE Quarter of Section 33, Saline Township, also 40 acre, United States to Richard Bagby. Richard Bagby and wife sold this to Adolph E. Bandelier on April 22, 1848. The second parcel, the NE Quarter of the SE Quarter of Section 33, Saline Township, also 40 acres, United States to Casper Schneider. (It doesn't say Sr. or Jr.) On Sept 18, 1837, these 40 acres were entered and Casper Schneider sold to Adolph E. Bandelier on Aug. 29, 1848.

"Item #14, Adolph E. Bandelier and wife (?) to Jacob Kleiner, the West half of the SE Quarter of Section 19, to Jacob Kleiner, on April 14, 1881."

The remaining 80 acres had no additional change of ownership, until after the failure of the F. Ryhiner and Co. Bank in 1885. My col-

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