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Family pleads for return of dog, despite city's ordinance

Associated Press

FOX LAKE — Angel Baun says her family knew Fox Lake's animal ordinance allowed four pets when they moved here a year ago.

They had three dogs, but they didn't know the ordinance specifies that the maximum of four pets must be two dogs and two cats.

That meant their 5-year-old Doberman mix Freckles had to go.

"We sent our dog to live with my parents several months ago in Kentucky," Baun told the City Council.

"She's very depressed and not eating," Baun said, sobbing. "I'm sorry. It's just been hard on our daughter and our whole family."

The family asked for a reprieve from the ordinance so that Freckles could remain there.

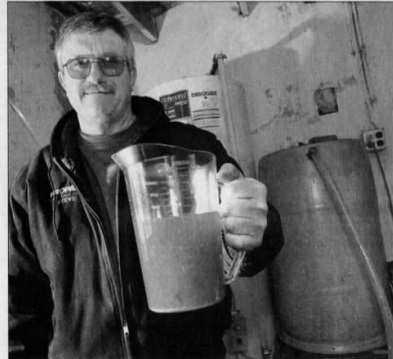
Council members appeared sympathetic to the plight of Baun, her husband Brian and their 5-year-old daughter Payton.

But city administrator Bill Petrusak noted that the issue wasn't on the meeting agenda Wednesday night, so no immediate action could be taken.

The Bauns plan to return March 21 when the full council meets in committee.

As Angel Baun returned to her seat, her daughter asked, "Did they say yes?"

Riding the biodiesel wave



Steve Griesebach holds a pitcher full of biodiesel Thursday before it goes through a filtration process and then is ready to fill up his 1997 Chevy Silverado diesel pickup truck. He gets used cooking oil from a local restaurant and processes it in the machine behind him that he built from his research on the Internet.

Backyard makers and city going 'green' with fuel

BY KRISTOPHER WEIN
Herald Times Reporter

MANITOWOC — Riders may never notice, but the fuel used to power Maritime Metro Transit buses may soon come from biological sources.

Beginning in May, the city of Manitowoc will test run its buses with a biodiesel fuel derived from 5 percent biodiesel from animal fat and 95 percent petroleum diesel, fleet manager Kevin Glaeser said this week.

The mixture is produced by Bio-Biodiesels, a local business owned by Dan and Tracie Kaderabek.

"We're taking a very cautious approach to it, but it is something that is kind of exciting and the preliminary tests show that it is a viable fuel and there is no reason that we can't start using it," Glaeser said.

Glaeser said if preliminary tests show biodiesel works well, the fuel may be used for the city's entire fleet of diesel-engine vehicles. The Maritime Metro Transit fleet alone uses about 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel a month, he said.

"I don't believe that there would be any great cost savings," Glaeser said. "That it would be strictly for the environmental impact."

Biodiesel produced by Bio-Biodiesels could sell for between \$2.25 and \$2.75 a gallon once the refinery is in full production in May, according to Dan Kaderabek. On average, petroleum diesel in Manitowoc this week sold for \$2.70 a gallon.

The city's search to use biodiesel is an example of growing local interest in alternative fuels, which are believed



Steve Griesebach makes his own biodiesel to fuel his diesel pickup truck. He stockpiles used cooking oil from an area restaurant and processes it in batches in this machine he constructed from his Internet research.

Backyard biodiesel makers

Steven Griesebach, Manitowoc, and other local backyard biodiesel makers have their own reasons — often environmental or economic — for why they chose to make their own fuel.

"I felt that the petroleum companies were gouging people," said Griesebach, 54, who learned making his own

biodiesel, beginning last spring, to a hobby. "They can publish their record profits in the newspaper and then sell gasoline for \$3.50 a gallon."

When Griesebach needs to refuel his 1997 diesel engine Chevy Silverado, he fills up with a batch of homemade biodiesel produced from an apparatus that he constructed from directions he found on the Internet.

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"This is the hidden cost to higher education," Democratic Rep. Frank Meeb

In Minnesota, legislators are considering more tightly regulating the textbook publishing industry and requiring publishers to be more cost-conscious in choosing course materials. At least a dozen other states, from California to Connecticut, are taking on the issue.

"This is the hidden cost to higher education," said Democratic Rep. Frank Meeb, the Minnesota's bill sponsor, who also teaches at Bemidji State University. "Reasonable profit makes sense. But the margins they are making on these textbooks is just absurd."

Publishers have argued that such proposals interfere with their constitutional rights, threaten the academic freedom of faculty members, and ignore the economics of textbook publishing. Textbooks are costly, in part, because relatively few copies are sold, they say.

The textbook industry pulls in more than \$6.2 billion a year at college bookstores, and college books which have tripled in price since 1986. The industry estimates four-year college students spend \$644 annually on books, a 2005 government report put the figure at about \$900 per year, but that figure includes supplies, too.

Scott Formo, president of the Minnesota State College Student Association, speaks this week at the state Capitol at an event to spotlight rising textbook costs in St. Paul, Minn. Formo displayed a "handout" set of introductory Spanish materials that he said cost \$193 new.

EVERY TRIAL



Steven Avery's attorneys, Jerome Buting, left, and Dean Strang, center, confer with assistant Wisconsin attorney Thomas Fallon on Friday at the Calumet County Courthouse in Chilton.

Defense witnesses challenge evidence

BY ANDY NELESEN
Herald Times Reporter

CHILTON — A laboratory auditor and expert on the chemical analysis of bloodstains Friday questioned the accuracy of FBI test results used by prosecutors in the Steven Avery homicide trial.

The FBI's hastily developed testing protocol was fine for confirming the presence of EDTA, a chemical preservative, but was not designed to rule out its presence in a bloodstain, said Janine Arvitz, a lab auditor based in Albuquerque, N.M.

Testimony for the defense, Arvitz was the 53th witness to take the stand. Avery, 44 of Manitowoc, is charged with homicide, mutilation of a corpse and false imprisonment for allegedly killing forensic pathologist and burning her body to conceal the crime.

Earlier this week, FBI chemistry section chief Marc Lofgren testified for the prosecution and said bloodstains found in 2005 in Halbach's sports utility vehicle — shown to be Avery's, through DNA tests — did not contain EDTA.

Lofgren used a vial of Avery's blood that defense attorneys say was used to plant evidence contained EDTA, short-hand for ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid, and therefore was not the source for the blood in Halbach's Rav4.

Avery's blood was drawn in 1994 while he fought for his freedom after a 1985 sexual assault conviction. He was later cleared through DNA typing using a different sample.

Avery's attorneys discovered the vial in 2004 stored in an unsecured file in the Manitowoc County Clerk of Courts office. The evidence tape on the vial was broken when it was examined later in the presence of prosecutors and defense attorneys.

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States struggle with rising college textbook prices

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TRIAL
From A1

Avery's attorneys say Manitowoc County Sheriff's officer had motive to plant evidence because he was using the county for the wrongful 1985 rape conviction.

LeBeau testified that his tests could detect the presence of EDTA in samples as small as one microliter — about 1/50th of a drop and in concentrations as low as 15 parts per million.

Avery's attorneys said that EDTA is not detected in a bloodstain, but it may have been below the detection limits of the test. Avery said the concentration of the original source was an unknown and a factor in the analysis.

The problem really occurs when EDTA is not detected in a bloodstain, Avery said. "I don't know whether this is simply because they didn't detect it or because it wasn't there."

Avery testified that LeBeau's results fell short of supporting his conclusions.

LeBeau testified that he tested three samples from Halbach's vehicle and found no EDTA. Three other bloodstains were unstained. LeBeau extrapolated that he didn't expect to find EDTA in the three other samples.

Avery was critical of those assertions.

"We're not in the business of engineering what is in samples," Avery said. "There's no way for an analytical chemist to know what's in a sample unless we test it."

Expert: Cause of death not clear

Avery's attorneys later turned their focus to the prosecution's analysis of burned remains.

Scott Fairgrieve, a Canadian forensic anthropologist, said he disagreed with some of the findings of toxicologist Charles Remick, who testified that the charred remains recovered on the Avery property were from a 28-year-old man.

Fairgrieve, who testified for the prosecution case on Feb. 28 and March 1, said he thought the remains found on the Avery property were from an adult female, probably younger than 35 years old. She also testified that she thought the person died as the result of a homicide, likely gunshot wounds to the head.

Fairgrieve said he agreed that the body was a mature female, but said he didn't see anything that would allow him to specify an age. He agreed that



Janine Arvitz testified for the defense in the Steven Avery homicide case on Friday at the Calumet County Courthouse in Chilton. Avery is accused, along with his 17-year-old nephew, Brendon Dassey, of killing Teresa Halbach, 25.

the victim likely sustained two gunshot wounds to the head, but said there is no way to know they were the cause of death.

During the prosecution case, a DNA expert testified the remains consistent with Krays from Halbach's dental records.

Fairgrieve also challenged the manner the remains were recovered.

There was no systematic approach to the evidence at first processing, Fairgrieve said, adding he concerned there "wasn't a more forensic anthropological approach" to the evidence recovery.

Fairgrieve suggested that more care should have been taken while collecting the remains, pointing out that investigators used a shovel to scoop out material and sifted through the debris

in the burn pit on Avery's property. Had more information been collected at the scene, it could have revealed more about how the body was burned.

Fairgrieve said this is the first time he has testified for the defense in his 16-year career, and the first time in the United States. In all other cases he has testified for "the Crown," the Canadian version of the state in American trials.

The case against Avery resumes Monday when Manitowoc County Circuit Judge Patrick Willis is expected to make rulings on three pending motions. Avery's lawyers said the plans for the rest of their defense are dependent in part on the judge's decisions.

Andy Nelesen writes for the Green Bay Press-Gazette.

Insurance workshop slated

Manitowoc — Silver Lake College will present a free career exploration workshop, "Navigating the Insurance World," from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at the Geneva's Enrichment Center, 2415 S. Alverno Road.

Topics include learning how a college education can prepare students for many career areas of the insurance field, and concepts and trends unique to the insurance industry.

The free session is open to college students and the community, but pre-registration is required. Breakfast and lunch are included.

The workshop will be facilitated by Society Insurance of Fond du Lac.

It is made possible through a grant administered through the Wisconsin Foundation for Independent Colleges, Inc. Individuals should register by Monday, April 16, online at www.sl.edu/outreach, or call 920-686-6118.

FUEL
From A1

Griesbach makes his biodiesel from used cooking oil that he secures from a Mequon restaurant. The oil is filtered to remove any heavy solids and goes through a "transesterification" process before a final fuel product is made.

Griesbach said he usually fills his truck with half petroleum diesel bought at a station and half with his biodiesel product, but during the summer he can drive with 100 percent biodiesel.

"The downfall of biodiesel in the winter time is that you have to be careful and you have to blend it with regular fuel, especially below 25 degrees or the biodiesel will start to thicken," he said.

Griesbach said the cost of the equipment was about \$250 and he can make his biodiesel for about 70 cents a gallon. He estimated he has used \$300 since he began making his own fuel.

Paul Simon, Manitowoc, has been running his 1962 diesel-powered Mercedes-Benz 300 sedan with filtered, used vegetable oil for two years.

Simon, 50, purchased a conversion kit from greeneco.com and spent between 8 to 10 hours installing the kit in his car.

Simon, who picks up his cooking oil from area restaurants and then strains it before running it in his vehicle, said his

car normally gets about 25 mpg and has about 2 percent to 5 percent less gas mileage when burning the oil.

Researched decision

Griesbach said he had to do research whether biodiesel would work for the city's fleets after reading horror stories of vehicles stranded on the side of the road all winter due to the fuel jelling.

He said the biggest roadblock in determining whether to use biodiesel is warranty considerations from engine manufacturers.

"I can't take a chance of getting warranty denied because I put this fuel in," Griesbach said. "They are OK with up to a 5 percent blend. They only reason I would use up to a 25 percent blend is because we are out of warranty (on some vehicles) and we have plenty of statistics to show that it has not done any damage in other fleets that are using it throughout the country."

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CORRECTION
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