

# Daniels Den

By EMORY DANIELS

## Ethan Allen Is Renamed Ethel

Readers wanting to send in a birth announcement for their kitten are advised to wait a few weeks before mailing us the notice.

Our staff has learned, through personal experience, that it's best to wait before publicly announcing the vital statistics of a cat.

A FEW WEEKS ago, the Farmington Enterprise & Observer staff decided to obtain an office cat and did so.

One staff member (who'll remain nameless to protect his innocence) was assigned the task of recruiting a kitten suitable to become our office cat. After searching through the classified ads of Observer Newspapers Inc., our cat screener made a trip to a Farmington Township residence to evaluate a candidate.

THE CANDIDATE was house broken, appeared to have come from good stock, and was reported as being kind to children. The advertiser also reported the kitten was a male, which we viewed as a top prerequisite for an office cat.

And so the kitten was transported to 2382 Farmington Rd., soon to become another fixture with the Enterprise & Observer. Negotiations were consummated on who would take the kitten home on weekends, and lines of responsibility on day-care were closely drawn.

Next, our beloved cat screener suggested the office cat ought to have a name. After many suggestions and much discussion, our kitten was finally christened Ethan Allen Enterprise.

Ethan Allen kept us amused during the day and the arrangement worked fine until the day a customer walked in and suggested that the title Ethan Allen Enterprise might be a misnomer.

OUR CUSTOMER hinted Ethan Allen might be a female and possibly our cat screener had failed miserably.

The staff couldn't take the suspense and an emergency call was placed to Dr. John Richardson, our favorite veterinarian.

Confirmation was made. Our office mascot from this day forward will be known as Ethel Allen Enterprise. We apologize to those customers who were introduced to Ethan Allen and promise to make a more proper introduction next time around. Meanwhile, Ethel's routine is being altered. The staff is busy rewriting our cat's daily schedule now that we know it's not a tom cat.

ELIMINATED FROM Ethel's schedule is the daily stroll around downtown Farmington. We didn't mind Ethan visiting John Allen's office cat (which resides block to the west) but Ethel mustn't.

It's all right for tom cats to socialize but Ethel's future must be protected. I know nothing about the sex of John's Allen's cat and, must admit, I was not overly concerned about Ethan's strolls.

John is an architect and can easily arrange an addition to his office. If an editor is not equipped to meet the demands placed upon him when the office cat has a litter.

CITY HALL HAS a cat frequenting the grounds also and its travels are now watched closely from these quarters since only a parking lot separates City Hall from our office. And a concrete parking lot does not offer enough protection for Ethel.

Now that Ethel has been rechristened, the editor is willing to suggest that an inventory be taken in the downtown area to determine the sex of all office mascots and that, furthermore, such information be publicly disclosed by posting on the nearest telephone pole.

I hope the explanation of Ethel's rechristening will not have to be repeated often. It's going to be a bit embarrassing to explain to our customers how we came up with the name "Ethel Allen Enterprise."

Now that the sex of our mascot has been determined, the staff is now prepared to adjust the other problems Ethel has been causing.

ONE OF OUR problems is that Ethel has chosen the office copy basket for her afternoon nap.

A copy basket is a wire mesh cubicle designed for reporters to drop copy into so the editor can add it to the print shop. They are sent to the print shop.

The first day Ethel chose the copy basket for her nap, the editor took the afternoon off. The next edition came out late because the copy couldn't be cleared on time.

The next day, the staff changed its working schedule and did all its writing in the morning and left the interviews for the afternoon. Thus, the copy made it in and out of the copy basket before Ethel was ready for her nap.

This system works relatively well except some of our news sources insist on morning interviews and we don't have the guts to explain why p.m. interviews are a must.

ANOTHER PROBLEM is encountered when we enter the office Monday night after covering an evening meeting. Our news stories must be written in haste so headlines can be written and pages designed sometime before 2 p.m. Tuesday.

But Ethel has been alone since 5 p.m. Monday and is quite lonesome by the time the news copy checks in about 11 p.m. after attending a meeting.

And so Ethel wants to play. She will tug at our sheets of note paper and then climb onto the typewriter table and take jestful swipes at the ribbon. It shows only one successful swipe to mess up a deadline.

But, in spite of her eccentric behavior, Ethel has been good for the office and keeps us all company. The staff has agreed to waive rights to their coffee break to play with Ethel.

And so normalcy has almost returned. But, should your paper be delivered late one week, don't call circulation. Call here and ask for Ethel Allen Enterprise.

## Vote Nolan, Says Writer

EDITOR: Who is Mrs. Vignoe describing? It certainly isn't Tom Nolan. Nolan doesn't live in our area any longer, but he was the past president of our Forest Park Home Owner's Association.

We all remember him and watch with a great deal of interest his dedication to good government, and above all his readiness to respond to the people of the community.

I don't know Mrs. Vignoe or what her problems are. Whatever they are, it is apparent they have caused a bitterness to the facts.

Let's keep a hard-working, fair individual on our township board. I urge you to vote for Tom Nolan.

MARION HAMPTON Farmington

## Nolan Gets Reader OK

EDITOR: Mrs. Vignoe, that's a no-no. It's not nice to name call especially when you give the reader no proof of your accusations.

Let Tom Nolan's record speak for itself. He has served the community for the past 10 years in many capacities from township trustee, dedicated to his job of making our community a better place to live.

All Nolan's past accomplishments for Farmington Twp. have been with little financial reward, which is what shows you he is working for the people and not himself.

So please, Mrs. Vignoe, if name calling is your only political tool maybe you should take up sewing.

DENNIS F. O'NEILL Farmington

## Elect Kandel

Alan D. Kandel, of 2760 Kingsgate Way, Farmington, has been elected to the board of officers of the National Association of Social Workers. He is director of social planning for the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit.



FELINA MISNOMER - A certain office cat in downtown Farmington was christened Ethan Allen Enterprise. After investigation, however, it was announced that Ethan is sweet Ethel now. (Everett photo)

## Farmington Calendar

### FARMINGTON BOOK RETURNS

Farmington students having textbooks and wanting to return them should take texts promptly to the main book store at 33000 Thomas next to Farmington Junior High. Bookstore hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### CLARENCEVILLE BOOK RETURNS

Clarenceville students wishing to return textbooks may do so from Aug. 26 through Sept. 2. The bookstore will purchase hardbound books which are on the current list of books used in the system. Condition of the books will determine price. Students holding credit slips for books previously turned in must turn in the slips to the bookstore for a cash refund.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All Clarenceville school offices are now open for registration of students. Farmington elementary schools are open for registration of all new pupils K-6 at each of the 19 elementary schools. Hours for registration are 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Registration of junior and senior high students will be held at the respective schools Aug. 24, 25 and 26 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m.

### COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

AUG. 25. The Farmington Community Concert Band will present a free, 60-minute concert at the Orchard Ridge campus amphitheater. The campus is south of I-696 between Farmington and Orchard Lake Rds.

### PIONEER GOLDEN AGE

AUG. 26. The Pioneer Golden Age Club will hold its regular monthly pot luck luncheon at noon in St. Alexander's social hall on Shiawassee Rd. Bring a covered dish. For transportation, phone 476-4865 in advance.

### SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL CLUB

AUG. 28. The Senior Citizen Social Club will meet at noon in the First United Methodist Church social room at Grand River and Warner in Farmington. Bring a sandwich. A social afternoon with cards will follow the business meeting.

### SENIOR DROP-IN CENTER

SEPT. 9. The Senior Drop-In Center will have a potluck luncheon at 11 a.m. in the Masonic Temple at Farmington Rd. and Grand River. Bring a covered dish. Cards will follow lunch. Regular meeting days are Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Masonic Temple.

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## Letters To The Editor

# Mud-Slinging Appalls Resident, Especially Criticism Of Nolan

As one who has closely followed the politics of Farmington Township through both the minutes of meetings and the subsequent reporting of them, I'm appalled at the pre-election mud-slinging that has found its way into print.

Mrs. Vignoe blatantly suggests we dump Thomas Nolan in the coming election in order to stack the deck with mirror-images of Earl Teeples. Teeples campaign is none of my affair, but I do know that our government system of checks and balances is a good one, and a board filled with "yes men" would be unhealthy under any leadership.

IT IS, however, common

knowledge to all who take the time to learn, that Nolan has served this community long and well, that he has never broken his pledge to stand behind the will of the people, and that he has never been too busy not to self-seeking to take a personal interest in the problems or opinions of any resident.

If Mrs. Vignoe truly believes her accusations that Nolan is self-seeking, perhaps it is because she herself has sought too long to impose her will on taxpayers of this community.

Indeed, if Nolan's motives were that self-serving, how could he have risked "face" in

being target to such venomous pens? Surely, he long ago would have been forced to yield to such a formidable and vocal opponent as Mrs. Vignoe, rather than stand firm in his commitment to the majority.

I DO NOT propose to suggest how anyone vote, as I find it dishonest practice to take up news space to campaign, particularly when it involves an attempt to blacken the record of a public servant over an issue so irrelevant as his personality at township meetings.

I do demand, however, equal space in countering this indignity against the voters and

taxpayers of our community, as well as against a trusted and responsible young man whose only apparent sin is that he wishes to be in a better position to serve.

The fact that Mrs. Vignoe could attack only his personality must prove that his records remain as always, in jobs both large and small, records of service and personal sacrifice to the people he represents, at no advantage to himself save the improvement of the community in which he lives.

Yes, Mrs. Vignoe, there is a Santa Claus!

BETSEY NORTON  
FARMINGTON

## Judge Nolan On His Achievements—Readers

EDITOR: might be when explaining to an immature child.

We don't know Catherine Vignoe, but we do know Tom Nolan. We are not long time residents of the township, (only ten years) but have witnessed the tremendous growth.

We have noted the problems of the board and planning commissions and the progress that has been made. We can personally testify to the many hours Nolan has spent investigating problems concerning both boards.

It is easily understood why one's tone could become impatient when explaining the same facts over and over as it

## Nolan Sincere As Executive, Says Reader

EDITOR: I was shocked to read a letter in your paper which was an attempt to destroy Tom Nolan.

What purpose is served by our government system of checks and balances is a good one, and a board filled with "yes men" would be unhealthy under any leadership.

We shudder to think one could be elected or defeated because of a mannerism. We suggest Mrs. Vignoe look at an excellent record of achievement and then make a judgment.

ROBERT AND LOIS ALLEN  
Farmington

## Claims Nolan Is Unselfish

EDITOR: No, Mrs. Vignoe, you are wrong! If anyone has bothered to read the minutes of the numerous meetings that Tom Nolan attends concerning our local government, they would have to admit that he serves the Community and their interests rather than his own.

We, in our area have often wondered how this individual could give so much of his time to this community and come to the conclusion that he must be dedicated to all of us.

Those of us who have had an occasion to call on him with our problems in the past have found him responsive to our needs. This sounds to us like a man worth keeping in our local government.

MRS. CHARLES V. DARVIN  
Farmington

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