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# CHURCH

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from a dispute where both issues and jurisdiction have seemed a bit murky. "It's sort of in limbo as far as I'm concerned," said township supervisor Debbie Daykin.

### Plenty of history

The church dates back to the 1850s, when "a little band" of farm families organized the congregation, according to an unpublished history compiled in 1975 by a former pastor now deceased. The original building erected in 1859 was replaced by the current one in 1904, when LaPrairie Center was a small but thriving community on the western fringe of the county.

The Methodist group merged with nearby LaPrairie United Presbyterian in 1970 and sold the church to an area resident for conversion into a home.

The place has had four owners since then, said Justin Meierkord, who owns a title business in Lacon and is a grandson of Rebholz. The problems began with a long period of vacancy that ensued after Bannister and his wife Loretta transferred the property from his parents, who had lived there several years, Rebholz said.

Bannister, who once lived in San Diego, said he bought it simply to facilitate his parents' move to Chillicothe so that they could be closer to medical care in their aging years.

"It was strictly a mercy purchase," Bannister said. Bannister had intended to offer the property as a rental, but never was able to complete work to make that possible, he said. Among other problems, drywall installed in the basement by Rebholz began to mold just a few months later — a problem that Bannister attributed to possible defects in a Chinese-made product.

While much of the building is obscured by trees, the outer walls appear erect and straight, but at least one window is missing. The roof, which shows signs of patches, had leaked for



This view from LaPrairie Road shows the front of the former LaPrairie United Methodist Church in January. The building is largely obscured from view by the tree growth. The window to the left of the blue door once held a stained glass window that is no longer there. The old church, converted into a home many years ago but long vacant, is at the center of a dispute between a neighbor and the owner, and Marshall County and Prairie Township officials have been asked to intervene.

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years, Bannister said.

There has been no expert investigation of the structure. Bannister said he had not even been to the site in two years, and Rebholz said he had not entered the building in about 18 months.

Rebholz said he had access because the property shares a well with his under an agreement with the earlier owner, and the electrical controls were in the church basement. He said he has not entered the building since having those controls transferred to his property about 18 months ago when he found heavy mold growth on basement walls.

"(Neighboring) property owners have stated that the smell emanating from the building can be disgusting at times," township officials said in a letter to the County Board last month.

### 'Wrong entity to pursue this'

The township asked the county to consider legal action toward one of two outcomes: Either remove the mold and "secure the premises" or demolish the approximately three-quarter acre site.

County officials could not agree on whether they even had authority to take action, but they chose not to do so at a recent board meeting. Chairman Dennis Bogner said one main

reason was a concern that taking on the case could set a precedent.

"The problem is, if we start coming in and accepting this building (for legal action), we're going to have to start accepting other buildings," Bogner said.

County officials urged the township to take action. The township board recently offered to send a letter to the Bannisters if Rebholz would have an attorney draft one — which he does not plan to do. The township board is unlikely to take any other action soon, Daykin said.

For one reason, "The township has absolutely zero money" for such things, she noted. For another, their jurisdiction is unclear without a violation of county ordinance or state law.

"I don't think we have standing," she said. "I just think we're the wrong entity to pursue this."

Rebholz said he next plans to contact the county health department. An official from that agency emphasized at an earlier meeting that not all mold is toxic or a health risk, and also that the department generally has no authority to enter private premises without an owner's permission or a court order.

### 'I want to sell it'

Rebholz told the County Board that he had tried

to purchase the property about two years ago, but Bannister wanted too much

money. The two are at odds over the amount discussed and the amount Bannister

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# Limit sharing of Facebook 'likes'

**Q** Whenever one of my Facebook friends 'Likes' something, that business keeps posting to my page! How can I stop it from showing up on my news feed?

**A** If a friend has Liked something on Facebook in the past, random posts from that page could show up in your news feed. This is a feature Facebook uses to entice you to Like more pages. These can't be blocked like regular posts or sponsored ads. You would have to unfriend the person to make it stop. The most you can do at the moment is to make sure you're not the offending party. Go to your Profile page and select "Info" on the left. Scroll down to see all your Liked items. Check for something you wouldn't like your friends and family to see. To Unlike a page, hover over it in an image and then the Like button. Select Unlike.

## Maintaining a solid state drive

**Q** I just bought a MacBook Air with a solid state drive. What sort of regular maintenance should I perform on it to keep it healthy?

**A** The most important tip is to keep an eye on your storage space. MacBook Airs can fill up quickly. You may be wondering if you have to defragment like a conventional disk drive. For an SSD — defragmenting would actually be bad for it. Instead, keep it healthy with a disk check every few months. This will fix hard drive errors and broken disk permissions. To run a disk check, go to the Utilities folder and find the Disk Utility program. Run Verify Disk from the First Aid tab and fix anything that's broken. That should be enough to keep it running strong. Like regular hard drives, SSDs will fail after a period of time. Make sure your data is backed up.

## Stream without a laptop

**Q** I don't have a laptop, but I'd like to stream shows from the Web to my TV. My computer is in another room and I don't want to run a long cable. What do you recommend?

**A** There are wireless PC-to-TV kits that start at about \$70 and go up from there. However, they don't give you an easy option to control your computer if you're not in the same room. Some video game consoles would do the trick if you have one, but I'd recommend picking up a streaming video gadget. These are set-top boxes that connect to the Web and can stream Netflix, Hulu Plus, Amazon and even some cable channels and live sports. They come with remotes and are much cheaper than a new computer or gaming console. Roku is one of

the most popular, but there are also products from Sony, to Apple and Komando. For more help buying one, head to <http://komando.com/news>.

## Find a digital wall calendar

**Q** I'm tired of buying a new paper calendar every year. I use my Google Calendar more, anyway. There has to be something I can put on my wall to see my Google Calendar, right?

**A** Sure! Some digital photo frames are Wi-Fi enabled and can sync to an online calendar.

They'll even show a nifty photo slideshow between uses. What's the catch? Most of these have a price tag of \$150 or more. For that price, you could buy a tablet computer. Spend a little more — \$200 — and you could pick up a great tablet like the Nexus 7 or Kindle Fire. These would be more versatile and have Google Calendar built right in. You can find wall mounts for them for around \$15 or find a stand to put it on a counter or desk. Many of these mounts and stands allow you to take the

tablet with you, so you'll have even more bang for your buck!

## Does my ISP track me?

**Q** A friend told me that my Internet Service Provider tracks where I go online. Is this true? Can I stop it?

**A** Your Internet Service Provider handles all the online traffic, so it knows where you go online. However, ISPs say they only store the IP addresses that they assign to you. This way, law enforcement can find out who accessed an illegal site at a specific time if it helps an investigation. Companies or a government could subpoena your ISP for logs, too. ISPs keep these logs for anywhere from a few weeks to a year — call yours to find out how long it keeps its logs. There's not much you can do about these logs. If you want to hide what websites you visit, look into Tor — you can find it at <http://komando.com/news>. Your ISP won't know what sites you visit and websites won't know your real IP address.

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# Digital rights can be a scary thing

BY KIM KOMANDO

Technology changes at lightning speed. Laws concerning electronic snooping and privacy lag considerably behind.

But important cases end up in court often enough that it pays to occasionally review where you stand in the event you and technology clash with workplace policies and law enforcement.

The first thing to know is: I am not a lawyer. Although it's possible to draw some general conclusions about the current state of digital affairs you should seek legal counsel in any encounter with the police or whenever you feel your rights are being violated.

Visit the website of Electronic Frontier Foundation at [www.eff.org](http://www.eff.org) to stay current on Internet legislation and case law.

## You basically have no rights at work

It should be clear to all workers by now that they should never use a company computer or smartphone for personal business. Yet, employees get fired and disciplined every day for questionable Web

surfing, downloading and emailing at work.

Time and again, employees also get into trouble for saying dumb things on blogs and social networks, even if it was done on their own equipment and their own time.

When disputes even make it that far, courts consistently side with employers. Your First Amendment right to free speech protects you against the government — not private employers.

## Snooping through the back door

In response to a recent Congressional inquiry, major cellular carriers in the U.S. revealed that they responded to a jaw-dropping 1.3 million demands for subscriber information from law enforcement agencies in 2011.

Sprint reported that it fielded approximately 1,500 law enforcement requests per day, while AT&T tallied 700.

Keep in mind that Google and many other Web services firms will do the same thing when approached by law enforcement. It's spelled out in

all those Terms of Service agreements that you accept but don't read.

A simple subpoena can net the police subpoena account data, including credit card information. Anything beyond that — your locations, texts and calls — is supposed to require a court order or a warrant. Agencies have been known to cut through red tape by citing an imminent danger or emergency.

There's no question that smartphone surveillance has become a critical counterterrorism and crime-busting tool. Until policymakers shine a light on this shadowy part of the digital frontier, however, the arm wrestling between public safety needs and privacy rights will continue.

Meantime, there isn't much you as a consumer can do about digital dragnets, unless you avoid using your smartphone and the Internet altogether.

Good luck with that!

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