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## Tornado damages county Humane Association site



Executive Director of the Monroe County Humane Association Andrew Krebs looks over damage from the previous night's storm at the Monroe County Humane Association Animal Care Campus on Fieldstone Boulevard on Feb. 20.  
RICH JANZARUK/HERALD-TIMES

### Animals were taken into temporary homes after storm

**Laura Lane**  
The Herald-Times  
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A tornado that hit the Monroe County Humane Association's headquarters shattered windows, destroyed the roof, flooded the medical clinic, splintered trees and caused lots of other damage. Ten animals were rescued unharmed.

Out front, amid the Feb. 19 storm's destruction, is a decorative tree where name tags of deceased veterinary clinic patients hang from spindly branches, undamaged.

The metal ID tags of Toshy, Charlie-cat, Sophie, Dixie, Dexter and other beloved pets tinkled like windchimes in Friday morning's post-storm gusts.

"That our memorial tree survived, with all the damage around it, how about that?" MCHA Executive Director Andrew Krebs said while walking around the grounds and through the buildings the day after, surveying damage caused by 70 mph winds.

#### Dogs and cats? Safe and sound.

Krebs said the five dogs and cats

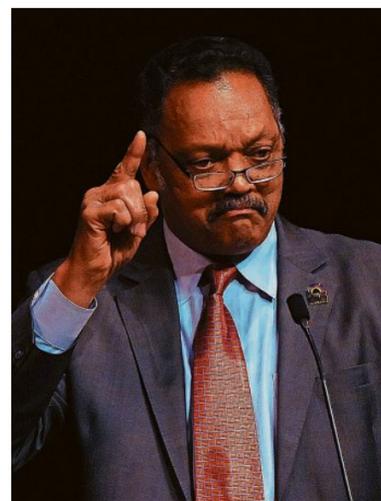
housed at the facility in crisis care when the storm struck were taken into temporary homes.

The room where the cats stayed was strewn with glass shards from broken windows; they were found hiding when Krebs and others arrived. They carried the dogs out so they wouldn't cut their paws on the broken glass.

For now, canines Rocky, Lou, Ruby, Buddy and Dino are in foster care as are cats Dionysus, PJ, Milo, Jester and Tiggy.

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### REV. JESSE JACKSON



The Rev. Jesse Jackson was the keynote speaker for the city of Bloomington's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration at the Buskirk-Chumley in Bloomington on Jan. 18, 2010.

## Jackson encouraged city to 'live the legacy'

### Civil rights activist spoke in Bloomington in 2010

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Civil rights activist, politician and ordained Baptist minister, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who died Feb. 16, was the keynote speaker at Bloomington's January 2010 Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration.

Jackson worked alongside Martin Luther King Jr. and James Bevel during the Civil Rights movement. In 1984, Jackson organized the Rainbow Coalition.

The Herald-Times article by Abby

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## Bender drove fast for 80 years with no tickets



**My Favorite Ride**  
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In April 1936, Wegmiller Lumber Co. in Bloomington hired Harold Bender. After working there 27 years, he and his son, John, purchased the company in 1963. More stores, in Martinsville, Bedford, Paoli, Seymour, Washington, Linton, and Madison, were added. Harold Bender's other sons and then grandsons carried on the family business.

This past week came the announcement that Bender Lumber has been purchased by Illinois-based R.P Lumber. The

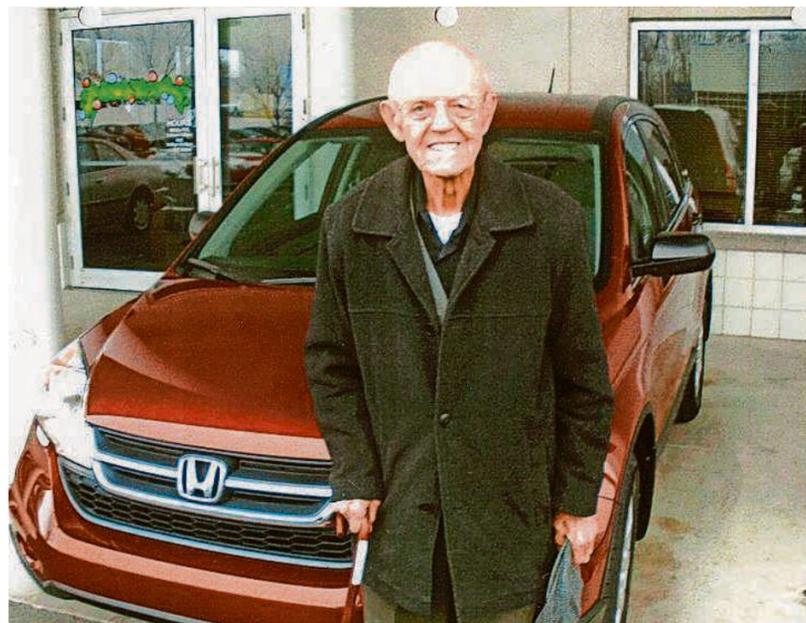
company's president described Bender Lumber owner John Bender as "the kind of person you hope to meet in business - honest, humble and deeply principled, with a great sense of humor to boot."

John Bender is all of those things. He also has one of my favorite automobile collections in town, tucked away in an airport hangar.

Reading about the sale got me thinking about his dad, the late Harold Bender, and a favorite column I wrote in 2014 about a beloved Chevrolet El Camino the old man drove way too fast.

Here it is. And for me, Bender Lumber will always be Bender Lumber.

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Harold Bender's last car was a Honda SUV he bought when he was 99. It replaced the 1984 El Camino his sons bought him in 1994. PROVIDED BY BENDER FAMILY

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