



**Steve  
Porter**

Tragedy struck close to home this week.

Bob Emig, a former sports writer for the now-defunct Metro East Journal in East St. Louis, died Tuesday from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Emig, 51 and a Collinsville resident, also served as the Illinois director of competition for the Prairie State Games and was an assistant soccer coach at Belleville Althoff. He was recently named to the Illinois High School Basketball Association Hall of Fame for his media contributions. He worked at the Metro East Journal for more than a decade before it closed in 1979.

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On a personal level, it's a sad time in our household. Bob Emig helped me get started in the newspaper business 30 years ago. He was thoroughly professional and truly dedicated, but most of all, a genuine friend.

We'll miss him.