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Monday's letters to the editor

Thoughts, prayers appreciated for injured brother

You may recall the short article printed on Aug. 8: "Plover man hurt after ethanol plant fire." That man hurt was my brother. The article wasn't inaccurate, but at the same time it didn't tell the whole truth as to what my brother went, and is going through, and may have been a little misleading to the public.

Adam did receive burns to his arms and face, but he also received burns on his ears, neck, hands, chest, and legs. Nearly 50 percent of his body has second degree burns. Adam has also been sedated since he left the scene of his accident, because of the pain level caused by these burns. He didn't walk away with minor burns; in fact, Adam will be in the hospital for weeks. Adam has also been on a respirator and a feeding tube soon after the burns took place, and now has pneumonia. Yes, he may have been walking and talking immediately after the accident happened, but in reality my brother has been suffering, and unable to move or talk since this has happened. His arms are even in slings. Just Saturday, he awoke from the sedation, but will again be sedated especially at times of treatment. He is terrified, as his family and friends, and fiancée, Jenny, are, too.

We would like to thank everyone that has shown their support during this tragic event. We thank the EMTs, the Spirit of Marshfield helicopter, the firefighters, St. Michael's Hospital, our friends, and all others who have been there supporting our family and Jenny. We thank the Hammerstad's for all their support, too. You have been wonderful to my brother and we love you for it! It will take some time for Adam to heal from this unfortunate event. We appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers, and we want to see my brother come home.

Sue Strong and family
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