

Time to plan for National Road Yard Sale Days

Editor,

I am writing as a Licking County representative to the Ohio National Road Association. Last year, Licking County participated in the Historic National Road Yard Sale Days. Well, it's time again to prepare for this annual sale! The folks who helped with coordinating the sale last year have met and we are planning the Second Annual Licking County Historic National Road Yard Sale Days. The National Sale runs May 30 to June 3, 2007. We are encouraging our friends and neighbors along The Road (Rt. 40) to get involved. The Licking County Annual Sale will run primarily on the weekends. The majority of folks who live along The Road will host the sale on Friday, and/or Saturday and/or Sunday.

The Village of Hebron has waived the required yard sale fees for that entire week. Many thanks to Hebron for this generous gesture! However, most folks in Hebron and Union Township area will only be participating on Saturday, June 2nd from 9 am to 4 pm. If you live in the Hebron/ Union Township area and have questions,

you may call or email Marsha Justice at 929-1545 or jjustic@columbus.rr.com or myself at 928-8320 or devinefarms@roadrunner.com

Other contact persons are: For the Pataskala area are Martha & Tom Tykodi at 927-7613 or ttykodi@columbus.rr.com and Judy Cruickshank at 740-927-3688. For Kirkersville, please contact Judy Casto - 740-927-6401. For Jacksontown and communities east of SR 40/13, please contact Barb Wade, Herb N Ewe at 740-323-2264 or www.herbewe.com and Jeff Chorpenning, 740-787-1517 or jeff@chorpenning.com

We are excited to announce that we have a website: www.ohio40.com and our web master is Jeff Chorpenning. If you are planning to participate in the sale and would like your location listed on the website, just go to the website and contact the web master.

Catch Road fever and join in the fun as a Buyer or a Seller!

Charla Devine
Hebron

BLASST will be July 3

Editor:

I would like to congratulate everyone for getting through another winter. Even though this is my second winter in Florida, I clearly remember what it's like during January, February and March in Ohio. My (SAD) was in full swing by now and all I wanted to do is go to bed and put the covers over my head. Even folks who don't suffer with seasonal disorder are by now short tempered, somewhat depressed and just plain sick of winter. People everywhere are reacting negatively to each other for no apparent reason. This is all due to lack of sunlight.

Now that Ohio has the no smoking ban, I've given serious consideration of changing my residency to Florida. If you wanted me to leave all you had to do is ask. That ban is putting the bars and restaurants in serious jeopardy. They are struggling to stay alive. Please support your local restaurants even if you have to take the food to go. I am a very avid smoker and now I have had to become a cook too. I don't mind telling you, I hate

every minute of it.

I might be in Florida, but that doesn't mean that Bud, Marty and I aren't working on this year's BLASST. The Civic Association has picked "American Pride" as the theme for the boat parade and we try to stick with that theme in our T-shirt design. We're still open for suggestions this year.

In case you are wondering and Charlie at the Beacon says they have had calls, BLASST will be on Tuesday, July 3 this year. We wish it could be on the 4th, but that's not possible for a lot of reasons.

The show this year is dedicated to one of the BLASST board members who passed away this winter. Becky Borland was one of the finest people I've met since I moved to the lake. She was a friend to many and a big help with the BLASST. I will miss her happy smiling face at the Buckeye Lake Post Office. It just won't be the same without her.

Victoria (Tory) Wolfe
Co-Chair for BLASST

'Watchdog' says 'computer geek' is a 'jerk'

Editor:

According to public records from the Kirkersville Police, they spend a lot of time at the Flying J on lunch and coffee breaks. For example, an officer works about a 4-1/2 hour shift, but spend one hour of it on a lunch break at the Flying J. One officer works a four hour shift and his log sheet accounts for just 37 minutes. Two police officers spent over 1-1/2 hours of a five hour shift at the Flying J. In one instance, one officer's log has only four entries for the entire six hours shift - two are the town hall and the other two are the Flying J. But somehow, this officer manages to put over 60 miles on the cruiser! Obviously, he went somewhere other than the Flying J unless he circled the parking lot about 120 times! Accountability in log sheets should be crucial to any police officer.

The Feb. 7 council meeting minutes indicate that the operating levy will be on the ballot in May. Hopefully, the open

wallet system in Kirkersville will be stifled and voters will, once again, JUST SAY NO and hold public officials accountable for their actions!

And now to respond to Bill Harper's letter last week. While trying to convince everyone how smart you are Mr. Harper, you apparently didn't look in the March 3 Beacon to see how Mr. Starr signed his letter. If you had, you would have seen that he signed it "Chuck Starr." To remove any doubt for you, I do not know Mr. Starr and have not ever had the pleasure of speaking to or meeting him.

We should all be proud of our education, but don't lose track of your ethics and morals along the way. Teddy Roosevelt put it bluntly, "To education a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society." So Mr. Harper, rather than trying to convince us on how well educated you are, give us a logical explanation for why you support the clowns that you and the other



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Kirkersville GOB (Good Ole' Boys) tend to encourage such as:

1. Police officers shooting pellet guns at each other on the steps of town hall in front of children.
2. A police officer who gets caught "double dipping."
3. A police officer who gets caught in the cemetery after dark who let's say is "out of uniform."
4. A police officer who orders 12 extra credit cards without any approval.
5. A police officer who writes a ticket and then accepts cash for payment.
6. A police officer who orders and writes tickets with duplicate numbers.
7. A council member who talks council into creating a computer technician position at \$30 per hour for himself. Oh wait, that was you, Bill Harper.
8. A council member who takes a paid leave of absence from an elected position to take a computer course to further his career. Oops, that was also you, Bill Harper.

Apparently, you didn't realize "computer geek" means the same as "computer guru" or "computer technician" and is not intended to be insulting. After all, it's plastered all

over vehicles at Best Buy - Geek Squad. As much stuff as you buy there for Kirkersville, I thought you would have seen the name. But don't worry, I won't call you a geek, guru or technician. You'll be the "computer jerk."

Council member Miller's letter stated that, "We LOCKED INTO THE PRICE set forth with SWL water." That sure sounds like the contract was signed and I pointed out a month later that it hadn't been signed. Why didn't you tell readers what happened in that month and why it wasn't signed. But then you don't live here and Kirkersville is just a paycheck to you.

Your accusations that I misbehave in public meetings is defamatory and even I thought you were smarter than that. My information comes from public records or my personal knowledge. When I attend meetings, I TAPE THEM. So be very careful of what you accuse me of doing or saying in public meetings.

By the way, I have a website that I built and maintain myself. Maybe you've heard of it - kirkersvillewatchdog.com.

Bonny Mansfield
Kirkersville

Don't 'hold your breath' on police department complaints

Editor:

Just a quick note to Chris Fowler about the complaint he filed about Buckeye Lake Police with Mayor Frank Foster. Don't hold your breath waiting for a response.

Almost three years ago (May 5, 2004 to be exact), I filed a written complaint with the mayor about the conduct of Police Captain Jimmy Hanzey. He had initiated a criminal assault charge against me, supposedly on behalf of a non-resident working at a Buckeye Lake business. Since I was still on council then, the mayor asked the sheriff's office to handle it.

A deputy, accompanied by Captain Hanzey, then questioned the complainant and witnesses. At the business, Captain Hanzey made disparaging remarks about me in front of the deputy and witnesses. The deputy later said the charge was unfounded and termed it a complete waste

of time and resources.

My complaint to the mayor first asked why Captain Hanzey was with the deputy if the mayor wanted an impartial investigation. Second, I complained that Captain Hanzey's remarks were unprofessional and were an attempt to prejudice the deputy against me.

I was promised a full investigation and asked about the mayor about it several times. That was more than 1,000 days ago and I haven't heard ANYTHING from our mayor. Unfortunately, incompetent and immature behavior continues to be tolerated which leads to more misconduct. Thanks to Mayor Foster, there is NO accountability for the Buckeye Lake Police Department.

Peggy Wells
Buckeye Lake

Your Letters are welcome!