

Everybody is invited to the Sweet Corn Festival

Editor:

We encourage all of the readers of The Beacon to set some quality family time aside on August 29 thru September 1 to make some new friends, visit with neighbors and support their own community's many charitable organizations operating fundraising booths at the Sweet Corn Festival.

In this fast-paced, hectic, busy world we live and work in today, it should be refreshing to know that there is still a place to relax in a shady grove, eat a bounty of quality foods, rest a spell on a picnic table, and listen to the best music this side of Nashville. Historic Lions Park in Millersport is the perfect setting for one of the best venues to unwind and spend rewarding time with family and friends.

For 61 years you have supported us with your attendance and participation. Most of the community organizations involved in the event rely on your purchases to help them raise the bulk of their

charitable funds to support the multitude of projects they undertake in your own community year-round. The Festival continues its long tradition of being one of the largest fundraising projects operated, staffed and organized by volunteers.

So gather up the kids, grandkids, spouse, partner or lover and plan to spend several hours or several days with us eating an ear of dripping corn, kicking up your heels square dancing, clapping for your favorite marching band in the parade, strolling thru Heritage Village, competing in a quirky contest, or howling at Mel Tillis or Mark Wills at the main stage. It's a fun place for people that like to have fun.

The members of the Millersport Lions Club invite you to join us for this year's big event and see why the Sweet Corn Festival is Earresistible!

Ron Keller, General Chairman
Sweet Corn Festival, Inc.

Writer questions 'watchdog's' approach, methods

Editor:

In response to last week's letter from Bonnie Mansfield. I promised myself that I wasn't going to continue this. That I'd said what I felt I needed to say, and that I was finished. I understand that Ms. Mansfield has no intention of quieting herself, or focusing her energy elsewhere, and that's fine. I can manage to put my big girl panties on and walk away, but I will stand up for myself before I do so.

First of all Ms. Mansfield, I've never personally attacked you. Did I look up your address? I absolutely did. Did I question your honesty? I did. How did I find out? The public records you love so much. I didn't insult you I questioned you. You say that you're not a public official, so that means I shouldn't do "homework" on you. If you don't like the information being public Ms. Mansfield, remove it, it was a simple white pages search. You think it's okay to harass public officials but you don't want anyone questioning you, even though you yourself enjoy a public platform on a weekly basis.

If I wanted to "personally attack" or "insult" you, I could and I would. I'm opting to behave with more dignity than that. I personally am not concerned with what you think my motives are. I never stated that my time, or taxpayer status was more valuable than yours, only that I make different choices regarding how I spend my time, and I wanted to be sure that you knew that I am one of the taxpayers that you're "protecting". It's funny that you make the assumption that I am an uninformed voter.

Believe me Ms. Mansfield, I know my mind, and express it without difficulty.

Ms. Mansfield, I know that you follow Mayor Evans from your August 4, 2007 letter to the *Beacon*, where you wrote of showing up at the CDAC meeting, just because you can doesn't mean that you should. I know that you asked an off topic question because you told us so, upset because you felt the mayor was short with you in reply. I know that you treat Mayor Evans and other members of the local government with significant hostility because I read it every week.

On March 24, 2007 you referred to Bill Harper as a "geek" and a "jerk". You also referred to people as "clowns" in that letter. On January 13, 2007 you referred to the mayor as "Boss Hog". In almost every letter you refer to them as "Good Ole' Boys". Steve Martin, Bill Harper, myself, none of the letters I read opposing you showed any of the writers engaging in name calling. If you'd like to discuss personal attacks and insults, perhaps you should be having that discussion within yourself.

I said it two weeks ago, and I'll close with it now. You absolutely have a first amendment right to read the public records, attend the council meetings, and give your opinion of what you hear and read. That does not mean that the manner in which you are exercising that right is appropriate or effective.

Erika Mudd
Kirkersville

'Watchdog' reviews some more public records

Editor:

Kirkersville citizens interested in running for elected positions have only until 4 p.m. Thursday (August 23) to turn in a petition to the Board of Elections in order to get their names on the ballot in November. I believe the following seats are up for re-election:

Mayor
2 Council seats
Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Public Affairs

According to public records, some of the expenditures for the month of July are:

Payroll \$6946.86
Computer "Jerk" Bill Harper \$172.50
Clerk's Assistant, Melissa Tremblay \$184.00
ACME Elevator Service & Repair \$5,350.00



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Letters to the Editor

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Staples- Ink Cartridges/Envelopes \$161.25
Tractor Supply \$18.36
Flying J \$440.02
Time Warner Cable \$80.53
And the month of June included expenditures such as:
Tractor Supply \$267.72
Rhinehart, Walters & Danner \$12,659.00
Flying J \$500.22
Time Warner Cable \$80.53
Gates McDonald \$307.00

The July 11th minutes reflect that GOB Mike (Cloud) has made a discovery!

Yes...he "told council of bats in the bell tower!" "Bats in the belfry"...just as I suspected. What I truly suspect is that he is planning to dispose of these creatures since there was a mention in the minutes. ONE bat can eat about 3000 insects in ONE SINGLE NIGHT! More than likely, bats have been there for decades. Mr. Cloud seems to continually search for ways to spend your tax dollars. The GOB's should do some FREE research on the benefits of having bats around. In fact, they are no doubt more beneficial than having Mr. Cloud around!

Bonnie Mansfield
Kirkersville

Hebron eliminates post

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and vacation leave between January 2003 and May 2006. Fulk used the computer system to create checks payable to herself, allowing her to cash out the sick and vacation leave.

As an elected official, she wasn't entitled to accrue any sick or vacation leave. Fulk resigned from the elected position she had held since 1996.

Hebron Village Council has since

eliminated the elected position of clerk/treasurer, replacing it with the position of village fiscal officer. The new position will be filled by appointment of Mayor Clifford Mason.

Fulk was bonded so the village has the option of recovering the \$49,103.32 from the bonding company, if Fulk's repayment schedule is too lengthy, Village Administrator Mike McFarland told *The Beacon*.

ORRD schedules guest speaker

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP – Ohioans for Responsible Rural Development will have a guest speaker at its next meeting set for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the Pickerington Church of Christ (corner of Ohio 256 and Stoudertown Road).

The speaker will be Ron Galliher who will present the results of Liberty Township's Lane Use Survey.

The public is invited as are Liberty Township Trustees and members of the township zoning commission and zoning board of appeals.