

Sweet Corn Festival benefits many community organizations

Editor:

The Millersport Lions Club is hosting its 61st Sweet Corn Festival this weekend at Historic Lions Park. Our motto is We Serve, and we are fortunate to be serving a community that gives as much as it receives.

Our largest annual fundraising project continues to be the Sweet Corn Festival, which is today recognized as one of the largest all-volunteer efforts around. There are so many quality civic and charitable organizations represented at the festival, that one should not find it difficult to support a cause that meets their expectations.

The Greater Buckeye Lake business community does a tremendous job supporting us as corporate supporters, purchasing advertisements and donating prizes and supplies. Please give them your support year round because they are there when schools, churches, clubs and

organizations need them.

Without the assistance and cooperation from Millersport's Mayor and Council, Walnut Township Trustees, Millersport-Walnut Twp. Fire Department, Millersport Police, Water & Street Departments, Walnut Township Local Schools and Board of Education, and the Fairfield County Sheriff Office each and every year we would not still be hosting this event.

Most important are our neighbors and residents of Millersport that must endure four days each year of excessive traffic, litter, noise, and dust. They have been very tolerant and we appreciate the sacrifices they make for the community good.

On behalf of the 100 men and women that make up the Millersport Lions Club, thanks for giving us 61 wonderful years!

Ron Keller
General Chairman
Sweet Corn Festival, Inc.

Letter prompted writer to review his own views

Editor:

In response to the very thoughtful letter in a recent issue from Victoria G. Wolfe regarding the state of politics in America. I concur with the six points she stated. Without doubt many of us have arrived at the same conclusions. Too often let down by our representatives some of whom appear to be more engaged in "gotcha politics" and "political survival" than in achieving what is best for this great country and it is great.

What are we to do ? Stay informed. Stay engaged. Will the voice of the people be heard ? Not always but keeping up the pressure on our representatives through contact and ballot box will oftentimes make the difference. A recent example was the defeat of the Immigration Bill which at first appeared to be a done deal. Many groups and individuals disagreed

and through substantial pressure fought to have it defeated. Pro or con, activism worked in this case.

Personally when I get to thinking "what's the use?", I think of the sacrifices our brave military has made enduring horror and death in places like Normandy and Tarawa and too many like them. What should I say to these brave men and women but thank you for allowing me to enjoy the freedom, denied to many, of expressing my agreement or disagreement with the actions of my representatives. Those who love our country and our communities need to be engaged and vigilant.

Thanks to your letter writer Victoria G. Wolfe for raising the questions and prompting me to review my own viewpoints.

Lou Maresca
Harbor Hills

Land use survey results to be presented September 4

Editor:

A presentation of the results of the Liberty Township Land Use Survey will be given at 7 PM on Tuesday, September 4th at the Pickerington Church of Christ (corner of Ohio 256 and Stouderstown Road).

I would like to ask everyone who lives in or is thinking about whether to live in Liberty Township to consider attending the presentation by Ron Galliher. The results presented will play a significant role in our community's future. I and other members of the Liberty Township Land Use Plan Committee were excited to see that so many in our community took the time to fill out the survey (555 of the 1525, or 36.4%). This showed everyone that our community cared enough about our township to help the committee understand what you wanted and expected of this township.

I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Galliher for spending a significant amount of their own time (in excess of 150 hours) in tabulating the results and preparing this presentation.

What, if anything, do you like best/least about living in Liberty Township? How satisfied are you with living in Liberty Township? How are the local schools? Should the township encourage/discourage industrial/warehouse, apartments, and/or commercial to build in our neighborhoods? Should we have a single contract for trash pickup and/or more access to public sewer and water? The answers to these and many other assorted questions will be presented. Find out about the future of our community.

Scott Wray
Liberty Township

Parent praises Lakewood

Editor:

As the new school year starts, I would like to say how lucky we are to be in the Lakewood School District. As a parent of a special education student, I have seen

how Lakewood truly takes pride in the education of all students.

What started out as a very frustrating and overwhelming experience in Kindergarten for my child last year, ended up be-



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Letters to the Editor

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ing a very rewarding and successful year. We have the staff at Hebron Elementary to thank for this. Mrs. Bindley worked hard to adjust his schedule to his needs and used alternative methods of teaching that would enable him to be able to read. Mrs. Blaine made sure he was included in the typical classroom.

Special education aide Mrs. Sherburn

gave him the security he needed but at the same time promoted independence. We are so grateful to all the staff for their compassion and dedication to their students.

Melissa McBride
Union Township

Writer responds to 'watchdog's' letter about expenditures

Editor:

I would like to first clarify some of the expenditures from last week's letter from Bonnie Mansfield.

The bill from Time Warner Cable for the amount of \$80.53 is for the high speed Internet service that the town hall is currently using. the bill from Acme Elevator Service & Repair in the amount of \$5,350 went toward the elevator being fully serviced. Cables in an elevator are supposed to be serviced and/or replaced every five yers. The last time the elevator at town hall was serviced was in the 80s.

In her letter, Bonnie Mansfield also brought up the bat situation at town hall. Yes, there are bats in the bell tower. But, there are no plans to dispose of them. Over the eyars, bat guano has been building p in the bell tower, thus making the wood at the base of the tower start to detriorate. There are plans to remove the bats in a way that

will not harm them. The system that is being looked into is designed to let the bats out, but not back in. Let me reassure you once again that the bats will not be harmed in any way, shape or form.

I have hear a lot of citizens talking about the current water issue in the village. Some talk is good and some talk is not so good. The next regular council meeting is on Wednesday, Sept. 5. I encourage the citizens of Kirkersville to come and voice your opinion on the water issue.

Another I would like to address is about the mayoral race here n the village. One of the candidates (Terry Ashcraft) has not been to a council meeting in four years, thus making one wonder why he is even running. Surely he can't know what is going on in the village.

Steve Martin
Kirkersville

Your Letters are welcome!