

## 'Watchdog' answers pressing question – what will stop letters

Editor:

According to public records from the Licking County Planning Commission, it looks like your tax dollars are being used to pay for a county job that Kirkersville Mayor/county rehab inspector Bennie (Jim) Evans' son-in-law, Steve Piatt messed up! The job is being "redone" by another contractor. It looks like it's going to cost almost \$3,600 to fix the mess.

Bennie Evans' former colleague at the county, Tom Frederick, is now the Kirkersville Zoning Inspector and is apparently keeping busy in town with "complaints." On one of the complaints, a copy is sent to both Mike Cloud and Mayor Evans. These three men, let's call them Tom, Dick and Harry, also can be seen on occasion having lunch together, no doubt to discuss what complaint they can come up with next!

Several months ago, when Bill Harper was the zoning inspector, a complaint was filed against me in which I was FALSELY accused of having someone living in a trailer that I used to have to store my animal supplies. Because some Tom, Dick or Harry drove by and saw a TV in the trailer,

they assumed that someone was living there. They also questioned the electricity and plumbing in this trailer and didn't care that the trailer had been there for two years WITH the approval of the zoning inspector at that time.

So, they can consider this a complaint: It appears that current Zoning Commission Chair Mike Cloud is allowing his daughter to reside in a very small building in his yard. Village Clerk Johnny (Bob) Adkins confirmed this and also that Mr. Cloud does not pay an extra sewer bill for this building. (Incidentally Cloud's daughter is on the Board of Public Affairs that oversees the sewer board.) Mr. Adkins did not know if Mr. Cloud got an occupancy permit which would ascertain if the building is safe for someone to live in. So Mr. Frederick, do your job and deal with this situation.

And, I hear that some of the GOB's have questioned what it would take to get me to stop writing. Here's the answer..... stop being a GOB! RESIGN!

**Bonnie Mansfield**  
Buckeye Lake

## Writer expects Buckeye Lake will welcome 'watchdog'

Editor:

Watchdog, I am back for this one letter. I see you keep going after the police and anyone who questions your beliefs. Could the reason you are after the police is because your children have been given tickets?

The reason I am writing is you kept writing about the present. I want to ask you about the past. What was the reputation of the Kirkersville police when you were a member of village council: How many tickets were written then? If my memory is correct (which I am sure you will find fault with), the village has always had the reputation for writing a lot of tickets.

I believe the AAA on their trip tik had it

marked as a speed trap. Were you a member of council when Kilbourne was the police chief and wanted radars and training to patrol the great mile strip of I-70 only to be told by the Ohio State Highway Patrol to stay off the freeway? I am sure you and your fellow members of the council did everything correctly and by the book!!

Finally, I am sure the people of Buckeye Lake can't wait for the great 'watchdog' to come to town and tell them how to run their council and police department. I am sure they are so grateful they will have a parade to celebrate your coming.

**Dan Harper**  
Kirkersville

## Yates supported for Walnut Township Trustee

Editor:

I campaigned for the three mill fire levy voters approved last November. In a letter to the Eagle Gazette supporting this levy, I stated I hoped the Walnut Township Trustees, Millersport and Thurston village councils would work together and form a unified Walnut Township Fire District. Our township is now supporting four fire stations and duplicating equipment.

That was my plea to the elected officials in Walnut Township last November. I don't think the people that worked so hard to pass this levy ever dreamed we would be in the situation that exist today.

We now have taxpayers money being withheld from the Village of Millersport. Friction is so bad between the Millersport and Thuston fire departments that

they don't rely on each other for mutual aid, endangering lives, especially in MY COMMUNITY .

This game playing with the lives of the people in this community has to stop.

On November 6, we will be voting for one trustee. Bill Yates, Millersport Fire Chief, is running for township trustee. I have known Bill for 25 years, working with him at Walnut Township Schools. Bill has spent his life working for our community. He is now a retired school employee after serving as supervisor of maintenance, buses and janitors.

He cares about this township and I believe will work to do what is best for all residents of Walnut Township.

**Marjorie Leitnaker**  
Walnut Township



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## Festival thanks from the Lions

Editor:

The Millersport Lions Club Sweet Corn Festival was glorious. Four Beautiful Days – August 29 - Sept. 1. I say, and I know you will all agree, IT'S ABOUT TIME!

We had a fabulous Sweet Corn Festival this year. They should all be like this one was. We all know how bad the festival and weather has been for us the past three years. It has been very discouraging for some. But this year shined!

The weather couldn't have been better (except for our opening day, 90 plus degrees). There was not a drop of rain to be found this year. Mel Tillis was the best. What about Mark Wills and the Blackhawk helicopter? The pilots even stopped by the Corn Country Souvenir Store, and took

home some T-shirts. The crowds were great, due to our extra exposure and advertising. It works! It's going to be hard to top this year's entertainment, but you know we'll try!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU Millersport, the local community, all of the concessionaires, many other Lions Clubs, and the whole surrounding area! Without your help, excitement and hard work, we, the Millersport Lions, would not have been able to pull this festival off. This just shows how much you love the festival and want the festival to continue for at least another 61 years!

Let's Do It Again!

**The Millersport Lions Club**

## More Festival thanks

Editor:

The Millersport Athletic Boosters would like to THANK everyone who helped make this a successful year at the Millersport Sweet Corn Festival. We had many new faces this year, which was great to see and some of our dedicated alumni that are always there. Thanks to Alex Haines and Bob Slater, who keep showing up year after year and turning our shelter house into a kitchen in a matter of a few hours. Cheryl Belt, Mike Washburn and several on the football team were also a big

help. Thanks to Susie Nye, Debbie Keller and their many helpers who painted great looking signs for our booth.

We had a great turn out from parents, coaches, friends, family and students. We couldn't do it without all you folks. We all had a great time and appreciate all of you. The kids will benefit from all of our hard work. A special thanks to the Millersport Lions for their hard work and dedication that make this festival possible for all of us to enjoy. Thanks again!

**Millersport Athletic Boosters Board**

## Election Letters

### Just four issues left

Your letters about lake-area candidates and issues on the Nov. 6 ballot are welcome. However, due to the volume of letters we expect to receive, we are strictly enforcing our normally suggested 250-word limit for election letters next week. **Election letters longer than 250 words WILL BE CUT.**

Letters must be original. Those addressed or copied to other publications or appering there will NOT be published.

**Letters about the Nov. 6 election will be published through our Oct. 27 issue. Election letters will NOT be published in our Nov. 3 issue. However, candidates crticized in an Oct. 27 letter may respond specifically to that criticism in our Nov. 3 issue.**

Your letters letters may be emailed to charlesprince@buckeyelakebeacon.net, faxed to (740) 928-7960, mailed to PO Box 1542, Buckeye Lake, OH 43008, or dropped off at our Blue Heron Boardwalk office. All letters must be signed and include an address (only community names will be published) and a daytime phone number (phone numbers will not be published).

**Your Letters are welcome!**