

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Township is worse off for Jon Whitman's departure

In reference to the Nov. 5 issue of Bedford Now, Letters to the Editor: One of our Bedford Township Board members writes about the sins of the son shouldn't be attributed to the entire Whitman family.

In this letter he stated "Jon and his wife homeschooled their kids," and that Bedford Schools were not good enough for them. Since when don't the parents have the right to decide where their children go to school? Don't they have the right to homeschool them or send them to a private school

of their own choosing? Also, I didn't know that you had to be of a certain faith to go to the private school of your choice! In addition, the letter pointed out that Jon and family moved to Monroe. Don't we also have the right to choose where we want to live?

In another letter to the editor, it was said, "Jon Whitman and his father contributed a great deal of money to the Francis Family YMCA," that Jon headed a planning commission to lay out plans for the building, plus giving funds

to the Whitman Center and Monroe County Community College. He was very active in Bedford High School sports and donated more than \$15,000 to the school athletic fund, even though his children did not attend there.

We have chased away a real benefactor from our township. Maybe Jon isn't perfect by some township standards, but there is NO need to demean him this way.

**Frank Knoll, Lambertville**

## Leave the Whitmans be, already!

Enough already with all the recent letters regarding the Whitmans and their families. Isn't it about time we put these remarks to rest?

If we can't put our remarks to rest, at least keep them to ourselves and give all the Whitman folks some peace from everyone making remarks about them.

**Pat Karmol, Temperance**