

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Sooner Whitmans leave,
the better for township**

One reason I gave up on the Whitman family is that from the time I moved into Bedford, they were always in conflict with the community. Their constant lawsuits, constant seeking to be right at the expense of others and to financially benefit from the community while actively opposing the will of the majority and now trying to convince residents that Bedford may be a bad place to live only makes me think less of the Whitmans.

Since you (whoever wrote that Open Letter and didn't have the decency to sign it) have now given up on Bedford, how soon can you leave so we don't have to hear your squawking?

The economy has not been kind to Bedford nor Monroe County or Michigan. Frankly, if Washington doesn't quit spending America into oblivion, the whole country is in for harder times. But if times get tougher, there are few places I would rather live than Bedford. If people are leaving, I doubt it is because of the schools, our sports

teams, community activities, the great library, good police protection or all the new sewer and water lines. It probably isn't even our elected leaders or the bad roads and likely has nothing to do with the Whitmans or their problems with the community. Some people are leaving for better employment opportunities. However, lack of jobs is no reason for those of us who are employed to think less of Bedford or believe the seeds of doubt Whitman wants to poison our community with. What is happening here is happening all over America and in many places it is much worse.

I have never lived in a community that had more heart or community spirit than Bedford. You can't buy that, Whitman, and you can't take any

of it away in your lawsuits. Contrary to all the negative images the Whitman family Open Letter paints about Bedford, if you read and reread their letter you will find that Whitman is all about Whitman and is apparently willing to spend a lot to have their way with Bedford. In their words, "We have the money to do this." Their letter seems intended to scare, threaten and degrade our community to financially benefit Whitman.

How soon can we rename the Whitman Center and please, Whitman family, do the right thing, live up to your word and give up on Bedford.

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