

To the Editor:

I am against the location of the proposed motocross raceway and I've heard both sides. Why does it need to be in a residential area? Why can't it be located in a commercial area? This seems so logical to me that I have begun to wonder if there isn't something else going on behind the scenes driving the decision. Who will really benefit by locating a raceway in an area surrounded by homes and farms rather than by businesses, the fairgrounds, or the amusement park? I hear people saying this raceway is for the kids and it's all about the children. If that is truly the case, the specific location really shouldn't make any difference.

It has really gotten bad when people think it is okay to trespass, steal signs and damage other people's property (e.g., smashed mailboxes and other damaged personal property). What's up with that? Are the grownups misbehaving? Or, are they teaching their children that this kind of behavior is okay if you disagree with someone's position? What great examples are we setting or have we already set in motion? This is a freedom of speech for both sides and when one side doesn't respect this, it tells you something about that side. We all should be encouraged to express ourselves freely without threat of retaliation.

The supporters of the motocross raceway are welcome to attend our meetings. They are welcome to ask questions and get the facts. They can present their views. They can discuss their issues and concerns with everyone. So far, they have attended, sat quietly and taken notes. We aren't trying to hide anything.

The bottom line is oftentimes people have to agree to disagree and move on. We will continue to be neighbors after this motocross issue has been decided. Down the road, there will be issues we do agree on, and we need to be able to come together and voice our support for one another. If we feel that there is an injustice being done to any one of our neighbors, we all need to stand together to make it right.

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