

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Dream Team not in lockstep but has common goal**

What is the Dream Team? Originally it was the U.S. basketball team that won the gold medal in the 1992 Olympics. They faced the same opposition, worked for the same goals and had the same dream for their country. Were they in "lockstep" with one another? No, because each had a different position and purpose on the team.

The title has recently been used for five of the candidates for the Bedford Township Board. They are Paul Pirrone, supervisor; Austin Mack, clerk; Dave Dunnigan, treasurer; Michelle Bork and myself, trustees, who are similar in terms of their goals, purpose to bring and retain young families, invite business and industry to Bedford to improve economic development that will help the tax base locally as well in the county and state, refrain from asking taxpayers for more millages by living within our means, and working together with each facet of Bedford to enrich our community.

Each person is different and has different methods of reaching these goals. There will be no total agreement without discussion. Each person has different backgrounds, different skills and different ideas of how to reach the goals. We are different but will work as a team.

Other candidates have tried to make the "moniker" into a group that thinks alike. They have said it is not good to run as a team because it means they will be one mind.

Well, we live in a nation that thrives on "team." We have our favorite athletic teams, debate teams, music groups, theater troupes, Olympic teams, work teams and even the president and vice president run as a team. When did being a team become a bad thing? Only for a few, who want to make a group of candidates with the same goals for their community, knowing they can accomplish more if they work together instead of challenging every different idea that doesn't come from the status quo.

Maybe it is not such a bad thing after all. Voters should think about it as they go to the polls, not just in Bedford but in each community and the nation. We need citizens pulling together and not apart in order to preserve the future for our children!

Coach Chuck Daly of the original Dream Team stated, "Finally there will come a day ... when they'll look back on the Dream Team as a landmark event in that process."

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