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Rock Hill killing Golden Goose

I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Nichols' letter.

How can Rock Hill City Council rationalize that it's in the best interest of the city to have outdoor advertising removed only to start planning to erect a "gateway sign" to attract visitors to Rock Hill?

Isn't a "gateway sign" a billboard with a different name?

Hmmm, so it's not OK to have billboards in this city unless it benefits only the city council's plans. I think I understand now.

To the city council, mayor and city manager, I ask what reasons could you possibly give for the hundreds upon hundreds of small businesses (that support this community with taxes, jobs and services) to continue to keep our businesses in Rock Hill when it seems that Rock Hill is more about punishing those small businesses that follow the rules and bring value to the community?

Please consider adding to your agenda, Support the support system of small businesses that bring Rock Hill the jobs and services that we all enjoy, instead of making one set of rules for the citizens and small businesses of Rock Hill and another set for the city to follow.

Remember the Golden Goose fable? The way I see it, Rock Hill is about half way through this story. Think about it.

As Mr. Nichols pointed out, business owners, "invest here at your own risk!" (Unless some serious changes in policy are made).

Andrew Constantine

Rock Hill

Bikers ride to help their son

On May 7 a group of very special people gathered on nearly 100 motorcycles to raise money to benefit our son, Clint, who has angelman syndrome.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them. They will never know just how much we appreciate what they have done.

A special thank you to The Double D Saloon and their colleagues.

Lastly, we would like to say to the public, the next time you see a motorcycle or a group of motorcycles on the road, please give them the respect and courtesy they deserve. They may just be helping someone like you.

Patty and Don Oneppo

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