

August 16, 2013

Dear Neighbors:

Over the past weeks our usually quiet community has been disturbed as deer, including mothers, button bucks and babies still with spots, are slaughtered and left to be eaten by buzzards. Some of these deer carcasses have then been ground up by bush hog mowers.

This is taking place on the Seth Yarman and Branton Boeshart farms between O'Brien and Gilchrist Roads.

The individuals doing the killing claim to have been issued Deer Damage Control Permits. These permits are supposed to be used as a last resort in the face of extensive crop damage. But that's not what is going on here. The deer population is the lowest in decades and there isn't any noticeable damage.

Even worse, the mothers of young fawns are being killed while their babies are still too young to survive on their own. This means that these young fawns are dying of starvation. That is why most people are prohibited from hunting at this time of year.

We are not opposed to hunting. In fact, part of our concern is that button bucks are being killed before they have had a chance to grow up into trophy bucks. Here in Monroe Township, we've had the best hunting in Ohio just outside our doors. But these folks are destroying that.

In our opinion, we should all join together and prohibit any of these individuals from either hunting or farming our property in the area.

We pay high taxes in Knox County. We also pay high fees to hunt, to trap and to fish. These taxes and fees are supposed to be used to help protect these natural resources for our kids and grandkids and later generations. Instead, permits are being issued so that a few irresponsible individuals can get their kicks by shooting young deer and leaving them to die. Surely, this isn't what was intended when these permit were issued. Don't you agree?

If you do, we're urging you to call or email Scott Zody, Chief of the Ohio Division of Wildlife at [wildinfo@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:wildinfo@dnr.state.oh.us) or at (614) 265-6300. You can also call Knox County Wildlife Officer Josh Shields at (614) 644-3929 ext.1213. Please ask them to investigate this and help put a stop to it.

You could also email Marty Trese, the Editor of Knox Pages at [editor@knoxpages.com](mailto:editor@knoxpages.com) and/or Samantha Scoles, the editor of the Mount Vernon News at [Samantha.Scoles@mountvernonnews.com](mailto:Samantha.Scoles@mountvernonnews.com) and share your concerns with them. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Concerned Neighbors and Hunters of Knox County